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of the CP, Sunday, MOORE
9:30 AM, 11/22/59

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San Francisco, California
November 25, 1959

District Convention of the Communist
Party, Sunday, 9:30 AM

November 22, 1959

To the best of my recollection some of the people present were:

HERB NUGENT
ARCHIE BROWN
GEORGE SANDY
JULIA SANDY
JIM BERRY
JIMMY WOOD
RALPH IZARD

MANNY BROOKMAN
TOM MC PHERSON
IRVING FROMER
AL RICHMOND

BETTY WINTER

JOY FIGUREIDO
JOE FIGUREIDO
HARRY KRAMER
DON THAYER
DAN MAH
VENUS THOMPSON

TOM HARPER
ZENA DRUCKMAN
LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN
NAT YANISH
ROBERTA HILL

GRACE PARTRIDGE
CHARLIE MANN

MICKEY LIMA
FRANCIS FINK
JUANITA WHEELER
LEE KUTNICK

LULU MAE THOMPSON & her husband
LILLIAN RANSOME
BARNEY DE VOTO
SAUL & BILLIE WACHTER
DEL BERG
MARILYN HARRIS
RAE CLAYMAN
MOLLIE BERRY
MASON ROBERSON
JOE MORRIS
MILLIE THAYER
JOHN STAPP
MORRIS RAPPAPART
DON, a youth member (RODNEY SLOANE)
MARGE GOLDEN's father
MERLE BRODSKY
ELIZABETH NICHOLAS
ROSCOE PROCTOR

BARBARA TAYLOR
There was a fellow named MAX BEGRI
from around the same area as

FRANCIS FINK was chairman of the meeting.

On Saturday, from 1:00 to 1:30 they elected the chairman. They had the keynote report by MICKEY LIMA. They proposed committees for the convention. They elected members to the committee. At 6:00 PM it adjourned. At 8:00 PM the committees met.

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On Sunday at 9:30 they had a general resolution committee that met. They elected a chairman for Sunday who was FRANCIS FINK. From 10:00 to 10:30 there was a discussion. They agreed apparently at the Saturday meeting to have ARCHIE BROWN give the report that he gave at the County Convention. There was a report from ARCHIE BROWN which lasted longer than 11:30. There was a discussion after then we went to lunch at 1:00. We had a report on the resolution committee. The nominating committee reported. We resumed the discussion on the resolution committee. We had a report on the rules committee. There was an appeals report and then adjourned until the second half of the convention.

The highlights were given on the draft resolution starting with an old fellow, whose name I do not know. He gave a report on Senior citizens. He mentioned some of the difficulties that face these old people, mainly the one on housing. He also said that an attempt should be made to make these people feel important and he felt that this should be emphasized at the convention in New York.

JIM BERRY spoke on the Negro question.

He stated that he feels that once you get a strong resolution with teeth in it you can get the Negroes to follow. He stated that the Negroes in the movement know nothing but struggle.

In regard to the Labor issue in the draft resolution, JIM BERRY felt that the Party lost contact with all labor. He stated that we are old and we have tired blood. We have a potential of one hundred people that we can bring into the Party in a month.

AL RICHMOND of San Francisco stated that this convention does not represent that a very serious discussion of the Party has taken place. We must realize a period of discussion and thinking will have to follow this convention. It would be very worthwhile for all of us to prepare this letter from the NAC with the draft resolution, and there you would see that we have been lagging behind on issues and therefore we have to make the attempt to catch up with the various events taking place today. He mentioned something about another point about why certain people are not here in person.

On the youth question, AL RICHMOND commented that the youth report was a shining star of encouragement. One of the great moments of the movement is that there is more youth organizations of the Party. On the women question, he stated that it has not been solved. There are more working women today than there have ever been in the past. Automation will put a lot of women

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out of work. A big job has to be done on organizing women. He urges that we must deliver this message to the National convention that this issue be discussed to become part in some form of the resolution.

MILLIE THAYER spoke on the united front question. Reluctance to join bourgeois mass organizations stems from our lack of understanding of people and their needs.

IRVING FROMER stated that we should not conclude that there is a permanence against running a Party candidate. In regard to the draft resolution he stated we will have to take this seriously. We are going to have to recognize that the American people have a tremendous force to move, but also, that we have a contribution to make, and this is where we have fallen down. The emphasis on peace has to be thought out in terms of all other areas working in this direction. The report of this dealt much more with the HOLLAND ROBERTS campaign.

GEORGE SANDY spoke on the problems of disarmament. He said suppose we did immediately agree to disarm. We would have 3,000,000 young people who would be on the labor front. What about the steel workers, the manufacturers, etc.; The people who gain their livelihood in the production of war products. There should be trade with China. It isn't enough to talk about disarmament without talking about jobs. There are people who have jobs depending upon disarmament. There is need of the utilization of solar energy. If we are going to talk about forty billion dollars then we should give some thought about this issue. If we don't there is going to be some problems arising in political issues and economics.

ELIZABETH NICHOLAS spoke on the Walter-Mc Carren Law as an existing danger. This law should be included in the Communist Party convention resolution.

After the discussion on the draft resolution there was a report from ARCHIE BROWN which was given at the first night of the County Convention. After this was a discussion.

There was a break for lunch.

After lunch, there was a report on the resolutions of the convention. Before the resolutions JOE FIGUREIDO read the report of the resolutions committee.

One resolution was from the Negro committee which was read by a woman named BARBARA from the East Bay.

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There was a resolution on the Labor Law. There was a resolution on youth. There was resolution in regard to the issue on the AF of L Section. When this hit the floor before the convention it nearly sky-rocketed. A man had a thirty page document which was prepared by certain members of the AF of L Section which starts out "for the information of the Party". He presented his resolution in regard to the AF of L Section. From this series, a heated discussion took place. MICKEY stated they had prepared a lot of these papers. To prove to the people that were there speaking on behalf of the Section, they put a stack AFL Documents on the table for anyone who wanted to see them. Accusations were made, charges were made, questions were asked, explanations were given and finally SAUL WACHTER got up and gave a report on trial committees and reported in detail as to what had taken place.

JOHN STAPP talked on the resolutions for the youth. He stated that the youth delegate would be elected by the youth to represent them at the National Convention. There was a resolution submitted that one place is being reserved on the ballot for an executive official and that this officer be HY LUMER. The third point that was reported was that twelve regular delegates along with the others be elected to represent the Northern District of California Convention.

Number four was that all money collected be pooled and that in the event there is not enough money collected to send all twelve delegates, then a meeting will be held by the District Committee with the twelve delegates to decide who are going to the National convention. MICKEY LIMA reported that \$3800 would be needed to send the twelve delegates to the convention. Apparently one thousand of this will be guaranteed by the National convention so the Northern District has to raise \$2800.

Number five was that a selection of a financial committee has to take over the money. The three people elected were GEORGE SANDY, HERB NUGENT and MOLLY BERRY. It was explained that we would vote by numbers and not by names. The people nominated for delegates by the convention were listed on the board starting with the last name first and that name was given a number and then they would record the number of the person they were voting for on the ballot. To the best of my ability, those people nominated were:

MICKEY LIMA, JOE FIGUREIDO, AL RICHMOND, ARCHIE BROWN, RALPH IZARD, JUANITA WHEELER, KETTY JOHNSON, LEE KUTNICK, ROSCOE PROCTOR, LULU MAE THOMPSON, SAUL WACHTER, DELMER BERG, with MAX BEGARIE as the alternate.

Eighty-one ballots were cast. Fifty-seven voted yes on the labor draft and four voted no.

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The next report was the report of the appeals committee with the following recommendations. This was given by RALPH IZARD who reported that the first recommendation was that the appeal be submitted to the resolutions committee. Second, two appeals for individuals expelled. Mauri's appeal indicates further study is needed. The committee recommended that the appeals committee be given further time for the MAURI appeal, this study to take in the trial and other pertinent documents and brought in at the second session of this convention after the National Convention has been held.

Third, On VERN BAUN's appeal they reported that the flat refusal to accept or conform to any proceedings of a trial committee and that this be denied. He stated there was no basis for such an appeal.

4. The constitutional language dealing with appeal that the constitutional committee of the National convention be clarified and stipulated for further exactness so that the members shall be consistently upheld in all circumstances. The floor was open for discussion after this presentation. The crowd more or less went haywire again. After a long discussion the convention voted to accept the recommendation submitted by the Appeals Committee. One of the final resolutions submitted was by a Chinese comrade who asked that the District Convention submit his resolution to the National Convention to take up the question of the Japanese Communists, who were literally dropped from the Party during the War and have not yet been accepted back to the Party. He asked that they study and they correct the errors made. At this point we left.

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[] has been thoroughly questioned concerning the above, but could furnish no additional pertinent information.

RECOMMENDATION: Route copy for JAMES BALLARD to K. MOORE.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SF (100-11889) DATE: 12/3/59

FROM : SA JOSEPH F. SMITH

SUBJECT : CP, USA, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
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[REDACTED] Northern California
District convention
of CP held Saturday
and Sunday, 11/21-22/59
at St. George Hall,
24th and Grove St.,
Oakland, California

11/25/59 SA J.F.
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November 25, 1959

The Northern California District convention of the Communist Party was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, 1959 at St. George Hall, 24th and Grove Streets, Oakland, California. The Credentials Committee reported that 80 delegates had registered for this convention with 3 alternates. This number appeared accurate, except that there appeared to be less individuals present on the second day than there were on Saturday.

The following individuals attended this convention, although it is not possible to remember if they were there for every portion of the convention:

HANK SEIGEL
AL RICHMOND
JOE FIGUEIREDO
MIKE DEGUCHI
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
IRV FROMER
FRANCIS FINK
VIVIAN FINK
DON THAYER
JOY FIGUEIREDO
PETE WINTER
HERB NUGENT
MANNY BROOKMAN
RALPH IZARD
TOM MC PHERSON
JOHN STAPP
TOM HARPER
DOUG
MARILYN HARRIS
MILDRED THAYER
JUANITA WHEELER
JIM BERRY
MOLLY BERRY
DELMER BERG
JIM WOOD
ROBERTA HILL
GEORGE SANDY
HARRY KRAMER

JULIA SANDY
DAVE HIPOLITO
ANDY HARRIS
ARCHIE BROWN
HOWARD THOMPSON
MICKEY LIMA
MERLE BRODSKY
RAE CLAYMAN
SAUL WACHTER
BILLIE WACHTER
DOUG WACHTER
DORIS RYDMAN
JIM FORSYTHE
IDA MORGAN
ROSCOE PROCTOR
MAX BEGARI
BARNEY DE VOTO
LILLIAN RANSOME
VIRGIL COLE
RODNEY SLOAN
DAVE FORBES
JOE PALOMINO
JOHN MORRIS
KETTY JOHNSON
JOE GRAHAM
MARY FIELD
BOB LINDSEY

The registration of delegates took place at 12:30 p.m. and the convention began at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. ARCHIE BROWN started the proceedings by acting as temporary chairman during the election of a permanent chairman for the Saturday session. MERLE BRODSKY was elected by the delegates as chairman for the first day.

At this point, DAVE HIPOLITO and another fellow arose and started passing out blue, yellow and white mimeographed sheets of approximately 25 pages dealing with the AFofL Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party and its dispute with the District and County Boards. When they reached one of the delegates named TOM MC PHERSON, he rose to a point of order, challenged HIPOLITO and asked who authorized him to pass out the mimeographed sheets. This caused considerable discussion and disruption of the convention. ARCHIE BROWN then went to the front and characterized these documents as extremely disruptive in nature and pointed out that no arrangements had been made to pass out these documents, nor had they been approved for distribution at the convention. He stated that their whole purpose was to torpedo the convention.

After a great deal of discussion on these, a motion was made by BROWN to have all of the documents picked up and put back in the box and that the Committee on Rules and Resolutions should take up the question of whether these documents should be distributed and how they should be handled. The motion was passed with only 3 dissenting votes, those being from MARILYN HARRIS, DAVE HIPOLITO and the other individual who passed out the document with HIPOLITO.

An agenda was then presented and adopted for the Saturday session, which included principally the report on the District activities by MICKEY LIMA and the meetings of the various County delegates to caucus and choose delegates for the various convention committees.

MICKEY LIMA then went into an extensive report which dealt with the draft political resolution as appeared in the September issue of "Political Affairs" magazine and the supplementary leaflet printed and sent to all clubs. MICKEY's principal comment on the draft resolution was that it was not perfect; that it was a step in the right direction, and there was great hope for peace because of the meeting of EISENHOWER and KHRUSHCHEV. He talked about KHRUSHCHEV's visit to Los Angeles and the poor treatment that he received from the mayor of Los Angeles. He then

quoted from various newspaper polls on the sentiment among the population as to the success of KHRUSHCHEV's visit. Also in the highlights of this talk was the part on the Party's youth program in which MICKEY LIMA pointed out that he expected to have 40 recruits in honor of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the CP but that they had not reached this goal as yet but that the major task for the coming year would be the recruitment of youth.

There was then an announcement as to the various committees that would be formed and the San Francisco delegates caucused to elect a representative for the various committees. The results of the San Francisco caucus were as follows:

Rules Committee	ARCHIE BROWN; TOM HARPER
Appeals	JOY FIGUEIREDO; RALPH IZARD
Miscellaneous	HERB NUGENT
Labor	JOE FIGUEIREDO; TOM MC PHERSON
Youth	JOHN STAPP
Negro	MILDRED THAYER; JUANITA WHEELER
Peace	IRVING FROMER; MIKE DEGUCHI
Political Perspective	DON THAYER; BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Agriculture	GEORGE SANDY
Resolution	One from the Rules Committee and one from the Miscellaneous Committee

ARCHIE BROWN then reported on the Rules Committee, stating that they would use Roberts Rules of Order, except where the convention had modified these rules; that they would allow five minutes for each speaker and no one would be allowed to speak twice until everyone who wished to speak on the motion had had an opportunity to speak; that all resolutions must be given to the committee so they can be channeled to the various sub-committees and all amendments to motions from the floor must be in line with the main motion. Also, that all motions reported

out of the committee will have to be voted down before another motion can be accepted or an amendment made to the motion. All appeals must be made to the Appeals Committee before the opening of the convention on Sunday morning. Also, that Northern California will have 13 delegates to the National convention and that a youth shall be a special delegate to the National convention. Also, that one delegate from the National Executive Committee of the CP will be elected as a delegate to the National convention from Northern California. BROWN reported that \$3,800 would be necessary to send all delegates to the convention; that from the assessments for the National convention they have already realized approximately \$800; which leaves a balance of \$3,000 to be raised. The National Committee of the CP will supply 25% of the \$3,000, leaving approximately \$2,300 to be raised by the clubs and the delegates. BROWN announced that the delegates will all leave about 12/9/59 and that they will be expected to raise the bulk of their expenses.

The floor was then open for a discussion on the District report as given by MICKEY LIMA. The delegates then discussed various points in his report, such as youth matters, peace and Negroes. RODNEY SLOAN, a youth, had a written report that he read in which he told about the activities of youth groups in the schools and how most of the students in college desired Marxist education and it was up to the CP to see that they got this type of education. He pointed out that the only jobs open to the college fellows were jobs in which the employer had an excellent opportunity to orient these youths into the employers capitalistic way of thinking. He also trained them in the art of his business and how he operated it, SLOAN making the point that this is what the Labor Union should be doing and did not do and that they should get the Labor Unions to help the Party in orientating these college youths away from the employers way of thinking. A motion was made that SLOAN's report be sent to the National Committee for their information. This motion was passed.

It was also announced that MICKEY LIMA's report would be mimeographed and distributed to all clubs of the CP.

JIM BERRY spoke on what had happened in some unions being liquidated and he pointed out that the Party was lacks in not keeping these unions from being liquidated and that the Party should not look to the top officers of friendly unions for help but should initiate their own programs.

The convention recessed about 6:30 p.m. and the various committees arranged to meet at the homes of comrades in the East Bay area Saturday night to prepare their resolutions.

The Labor Committee met at the home of SOL and BILLIE WACHTER in Berkeley. Present at this Labor Committee meeting were SOL WACHTER, JOE FIGUEIREDO, TOM MC PHERSON and FRANCIS FINK from San Jose. Also meeting at this same house was the Youth Committee, which included a woman named VIVIAN FINK from San Jose, JOHN STAPP, RODNEY SLOAN, BILLIE WACHTER and DOUG WACHTER. These groups adjourned between midnight and 2:00 a.m.

The second session of the convention commenced Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The convention opened and elected as a chairman FRANCIS FINK from San Jose.

ARCHIE BROWN then made a report on the elections in the City of San Francisco in which he ran for the Office of Supervisor and received 32,000 votes. This was essentially the same report that BROWN gave at the San Francisco County convention and used the same notes, in which he pointed out how well he was received by Labor groups, Negro groups, and that many of the ex-Party members had helped him in his campaign and that he felt the time was right for recruiting.

The discussion was then continued on MICKEY LIMA's report for the convention, which afforded some more delegates an opportunity to re-emphasize points made in the address. The Resolutions Committee announced that the following resolutions had been introduced and then had been presented by committee members. Resolution on Negro work was presented by MILDRED THAYER. The resolution on labor was presented by JOE FIGUEIREDO; Resolution on automation presented by JOE FIGUEIREDO; Resolution on political perspective by BILL SCHNEIDERMAN; resolution on peace by IRVING FORMER; Resolution on youth by JOHN STAPP; Resolution on miscellaneous by HERB NUGENT, in which he repeated a denunciation of the mimeographed 25-page sheets that were passed out at the beginning of the convention and the resolution on appeals by RALPH IZARD. The motion was made to have all of the resolutions mimeographed and sent back to the various clubs for approval. This was passed unanimously.

TOM MCHERSON spoke on one of the documents coming out of the National Committee as not being understandable. He criticized the cliches and stated that the Party had been guilty of this for many years. He pointed out that the comrades in the higher echelons of the Party were naturally those with the higher educations and that most of the Party members did not have the same education nor the opportunities for education that the National Committee members of the Party had. Therefore, the constant use of these cliches and technical Marxist influence often left some of the parties confused as to exactly what the leaders meant. He pointed out that this is particularly true in the case of Negro comrades, who can be recruited into the Party and who can be trained in the general principles of Marxist - Leninism but they were driven out of the Party by the stereotype-technical wording of Party documents and the constant use of cliches that they do not understand the true significance of. He was applauded by the delegates for his stand.

The particularly significant parts of the resolutions introduced included the one on miscellaneous by HERB NUGENT, in which he pointed out that the document distributed at the beginning of the convention had been rejected by the Committee and that this AFofL group had carried on factionalism in the San Francisco County and prevented the County from doing its work. He told of the activities of LEIBEL BERGMAN and how he had gone around trying to dissolve the various clubs in the AFofL Section. He pointed out that if some of these individuals had wanted to do something constructive for the Party they would not have boycotted this convention of the Party. He pointed out that the trouble in the AFofL Section was brought up regularly at most of the County and District Committee meetings by one individual or another and so slowed them down that they were not able to accomplish their other goals. He felt that this factionalist dispute had been able to do what the FBI had not been able to do in really disrupting the CP and prevented it from carrying on its major task. He pointed out that for this reason the document that had been picked up would not be circulated among the members but that anyone who wanted one could come up to the front and get one.

DAVE HIPOLITO and MARILYN HARRIS challenged NUGENT on this, MARILYN bringing up the fact that many of the people did not belong at this convention as they were not true delegates of

the AFoL Section and that the County Committee of the CP had pressured people to attend the convention as delegates even though the AFoL Section had not held meetings to elect delegates. JIM WOODS rose on a point of order and had the chairman call on the 2 delegates from the AFoL Section to prove MARILYN a liar and show that they did have a meeting and that they were elected delegates. DAVE HIPOLITO stated that the AFoL comrades were good Party members and he did not see why the document could not be circulated and why they were characterizing the AFoL members in such a derogatory manner. The motion was finally made to accept this particular resolution with only 3 dissenting votes.

In reporting on the resolution on appeals, RALPH IZARD stated that the committee had made and read the appeal of MORRIE GRANAT from the East Bay and the case of VERN BAUN from the AFoL Section in San Francisco; that in the case of MORRIE it was proposed that the convention hold this for further study and that they would make a recommendation at the session of the District convention held after the National convention. In the case of VERN BAUN, they proposed that BAUN be dropped from the Party. One of the delegates asked what was the difference in the cases of these 2 individuals, inasmuch as they were both guilty of factionalism. IZARD stated that the principal difference was that MORRIE had come to the trial committee meetings scheduled for the "People's World," and that when this meeting was scheduled physical violence was threatened by some of those who wanted to attend as observers, and this caused the District to adjourn the trial and re-schedule it and that when they did MORRIE did show up at the next hearing. BAUN refused to show up for a hearing.

MICKEY LIMA then pointed out that both of these individuals had written the National Committee demanding a hearing and that the National Committee referred the matter back to the District since they had not appealed to the District as yet and that they then both refused to come for a trial as ordered. ARCHIE BROWN proposed that they oust both of them. Finally, the motion of BROWN was accepted and passed kicking them out of the Party, from which they can appeal to the National Committee.

The election of delegates to the National convention of the CP was held and the names were placed on the blackboard in the following order. The names of the individuals elected and the votes they received are as follows:

MICKEY LIMA	73
JOE FIGUEIREDO	68
AL RICHMOND	64
ARCHIE BROWN	72
RALPH IZARD	52
JUANITA WHEELER	72
LEE KUTNICK	63
MAX BEGARIE	44
KETTY JOHNSON	64
ROSCOE PROCTOR	75
SOL WACHTER	61
LULU MAE THOMPSON	59
DEL	51
BOB	48

They voted as to whether they should have a National Committee member as delegate from California on a yes or no basis and this was passed with 57 yes votes. HY LUMER will be the committee member that will represent California in view of the yes vote on this issue.

The Credentials Committee reported 80 delegates attending the convention and three alternates.

A motion was made to send to the National Committee a resolution urging the National Committee to do everything to bring about better relations between the Japanese people and the CP.

MIKE DEGUCHI then spoke stating that he was glad the resolution had been made saying that he hoped that the delegates to the National convention would see that it was acted upon favorably.

The session adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.



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[redacted] orally advised that practically all of the nominations were handled personally by ARCHIE BROWN, in which he interviewed the people regarding their willingness to serve as delegates. ARCHIE BROWN was very annoyed at one particular delegate he wanted to attend but the delegate did not want to fly.

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Passed out at the convention were the policy statement on the Contract National Program, which refers to Mexican labor and it was issued by the Farm Workers Committee of the CP; a two-page sheet from the National Executive Committee of the CP addressed to the convention of the Pacific Coast which dealt principally with the building and maintaining of the "PW" newspaper and an 11 page mimeographed copy of the draft political resolution.

Also obtained by [redacted] was a copy of the tri-colored 25-pages that were passed out. One part captioned "For the Information of the Party," dealt with the AFofL Section in San Francisco status at the present time claiming the section has been officially disbanded and that its section organizer was suspended and subsequently expelled and which purports what are the real issues and discusses the appeals that are being taken. Also attached to this appeal is the report of the section organizer who is now expelled and the report of the previous section organizer, both made at section membership meetings, as well as a leaflet issued by the AFofL Section on the steel strike.

[redacted] stated that a few of the comrades knew he took a copy of this material and it is not being initialed in view of the fact that he may at some future time be called upon to use it or loan it to someone else.

RECOMMENDATION: All necessary action has been taken.

CITY San Francisco, California

DATE November 30, 1959

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

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For information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

See attached

Signed: Robert J. Savage
Special Agent

Approved: *[Signature]*

R.D. Onebach
SAC

Informant's File No. [Redacted]

By Whom Robert J. Savage

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/22/59)

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FROM : SA Robert F. Savage

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact	
11/23, 30/59; 12/2, 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, 19/59	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
CP, U.S.A.	100-11889
CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.	100-21286

Purpose and results of contact	
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☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 12/10/59

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CP
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CP CONVENTION
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<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	California State CP Convention at Oakland, California on 11/21-22/59	12/4/59	writer	[redacted]

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Informant furnished the following written report:

"December 31, 1959

"I attended the State Convention of the Northern District of the Communist Party of Calif. Nov_ 21-22.

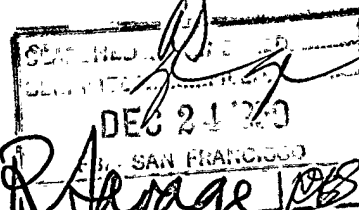
[redacted] went together on Friday night to LULA MAY & HOWARD THOMPSONs.

cc: ⑤-San Francisco (REGISTERED) 100- (LULA MAE THOMPSON)
100- (HOWARD THOMPSON)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100-11889 (NORTHERN CALIF. DIST. CPUSA)

[redacted]
100-28272 [redacted] (SI)
100-56652 [redacted]
100-16828 (FRESNO COUNTY CP)

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"From there we went to Oakland, Calif. The convention was at the St. George Hall on 25th & Grove Street.

"I got the job of [redacted]
[redacted] We spent [redacted] with [redacted]
[redacted] home at [redacted] in [redacted]
Calif. I [redacted]

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did not get to hear much of the Business of the convention but did get to meet a lot of People there was about 90 or 100 People at the convention."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memorandum has been taken by the writer.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 12/10/59

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CPUSA (NCDGP)
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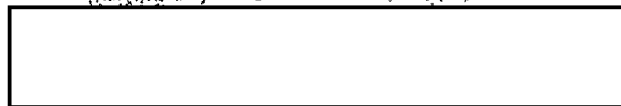
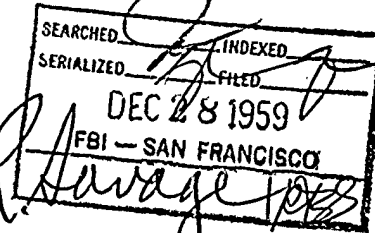
SOURCE	ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Report of alternate delegate to Calif. CP Convention at Oakland, California	12/4/59	writer	[redacted]

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Informant's report is set out verbatim as follows:

cc: (45) San Francisco (REGISTERED)
65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)
61-398 [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
100- [redacted] (phonetic) (from Berkeley)
100-21889 [redacted] (phonetic)
100- (HOWARD THOMPSON) [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted] (LNU) (from Marin County)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted] (LNU)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted] (LNU) (from San Francisco)
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San Francisco AFL-CIO)
100- [redacted] from San Francisco)
100- [redacted] from Sonoma County)
100- [redacted] from East Bay)
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100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- (ROSCOE LNU)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100- (San Francisco Negro)
97-26 (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN)
100-23984 [redacted]
100-31391 [redacted]
100- [redacted] (came with [redacted])
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100- [redacted]
100-31335 [redacted]
100- (HYMAN LUMER)
100-32523 [redacted]

1-New York (REGISTERED) (100-105078 HY LUMER)

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"Dec 1, 1959
"(Saturday, Nov. 21st)

"I attended the State Convention of the Northern District of the Communist Party of California, November 21st and 22nd of 1959.

"MICKEY LIMA opened the meeting with objection of the distributing of a document that was passed out by the factional group that favored the two that were being expelled from the Communist Party (VERNE BOONE & AL MOREY).

"A motion made by ARCHIE BROWN that documents be picked up was carried. Many took the floor to speak on motion.

"DAVE EPALIATO (phonetic) from Berkeley spoke in defense of motion distributed and said his record has been clear since 1936.

"The Resolution Committee acted upon this and ruled it out.

"CLARENCE HATHAWAY former editor of the Daily Worker of New York was welcomed at the Convention.

"MERLE BRODSKY (phonetic) was elected Chairman and then he read the agenda. Proposed agenda was accepted.

"MICKEY LIMA gave the keynote report that will be turned in to the National Convention that will be held in New York.

"Propose Committees to Convention and move to adopt

Rules & nominating - LULU MAE THOMPSON
Appeals committee - ELIZABETH NICKLOS
Miscellaneous Resolutions - MAX (Marine Co.)
Sub committee labor - FRANCIS FINK
Youth Committee - VIVIAN
Negro Committee - BARBARA LINSEY
Peace - AL RICHMOND
Political Work - HOWARD KAYLOR
Agriculture Farm Labor (4 delegates) - JIM BALLARD
BOB LINSEY, JOE FIGORITO (phonetic) & DELMER BERG.
Credentials Committee - RALPH IZZARD.

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"Discussion on Keynote Report

" It was voted that each speaker not speak more than five minutes. (Some of these names I remembered but did not take notes what they talked about. FRANK GEORGE sat next to me and told me to take notes on the ones he did not).

RALPH IZZARD - LANGRAM BILL

FRANK FINK -

(Student) - spoke of youth and student education.

ROBERTA (San Francisco) -

BARBARA - Negro people is the key fight for peace in this country.

SOL WACHERA (phonetic) (San Francisco) AFL & CIO Union.

HERB (San Francisco) Campaign of San Francisco

HOFF (Sonoma Co) Negro question (I understood he was the only charter member at the convention)

JOE FIGERITO (phonetic) Labor work as our main goal.

TOM (E. Bay)

JIM (E. Bay) Peace

DON THAYER - Public school education

"(Sunday, November 22nd)

"ARCHIE BROWN was elected chairman for Sunday. The district is allowing thirteen delegates to the National Convention.

"HYMAN LUMAR was proposed as one of the delegates.

"Finances for National Convention

"Cost will be approximately \$3,800_

"There is \$800.00 from assessments_

"National Convention will pay 25%, leaving \$2,300.00_

"Each club will try to raise funds.

"December 6th, is the latest to have finances.

"Delegates must leave the 9th of December.

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"Delegates voted for were the following in which ARCHIE BROWN ask that no one write down names, only numbers.

MICKEY LIMA was No. 1, and got 73 votes ,
JOE FIGERITO (phonetic) No 2, 68 votes
AL RICHMOND No 3, 64 votes
ARCHIE BROWN No. 4, 72 votes
RALPH IZZARD No. 5, 52 votes
JUANITA ? No. 6, 72 votes
LEA K. No. 7, 63 votes
MAX ? No. 8, 44 votes
KITTY JOHNSON No. 9, 64 votes
ROSCOE ? No. 10, 75 votes
SOL WACHER (phonetic) No. 11, 61 votes
LULU MAE THOMPSON No. 12, 59 votes
DELMER BERG No. 13, 51 votes
BOB ? No. 14, 48 votes

HYMAN LUMAR got 57 yes votes to go and 50 no.

There were 83 registered delegates at the convention.

"Continuation of Discussion of the Keynote report.

"TIM KELLY (Marin Co) spoke in recreation and housing for the aged.

"BERRY (Negro of San Francisco) Negro question and labor.

"AL RICHMOND -?

"? - Women question

"ARCHIE BROWN - ?

"Report of Resolutions Subcommittee

"1. Committee to ask National Committee to set up a committee to examine every phase of Negro living. (One Negro fellow took the floor and objected to large words of terminology, and he thinks that this is the reason why so many Negro people left the party, that they don't understand what the comrades are talking about. The Negro people has had less education and need the simple language) It was unanimously adopted.

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"2. Sub Committee on Political prospective (BILL SNYDERMAN). Proposed amendment to National Draft (The 1960 Election) (adopted unanimously).

"3. Sub Committee of Labor - JOE FIGERITO (phonetic) (adopted unanimously).

"4. Resolution on Automation - JOE FIGERITO (phonetic) (adopted unanimously).

"5. Sub Committee on Peace (unanimously adopted).

"6. Sub Committee on Youth, to organize youth work (unanimously adopted).

"Report on Appeals Committee

"It was decided that the VERNE BOONE case would be left up to the National Convention to decide whether VERNE BOONE will be expelled from the party. (He refused trial three times by the California Northern District.)

"FRANK GEORGE was delegate and NADINE SMITH was the alternate. HASKELL SMITH worked in the coffee bar. We stayed at the HOWARD THOMPSON's home Friday night; Nov. 20, 1959. Saturday night we stayed at KITTY and ELMER JOHNSON's home at 529 Sausalita Blvd., in Sausalito, California.

"Some of the people I recognized were; (these names haven't been mentioned in the report.) MASON ROBERSON, LILLIAN RANSOM, VIRGIL ? (he came with LILLIAN), JIM BALLARD, GEORGE SANDY, STEVE MURDOCK, ? FORBES.

"GEORGE SANDY said there was a fellow that has moved in Fresno Co. and should be contacted. He was a member of the communist party until he moved away from his last place (I do not know where he lived). He said his name was E.E. GJRR of Wawona, California."

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ACTION:

Informant has been thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memorandum has been taken by the writer.

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 1/6/60

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DISTRICT

Source	Date of Activity	Date Received	Agent	File Number Where Located
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The following is a written report of informant's attendance at the Northern California District Convention, November 21, 22, 1959, at Saint George's Hall in Oakland. It reads as follows:

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1 - 61-415 (AL RICHMOND)	1 - 100-	(CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
1 - 100-27766 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-41612	(SF COUNTY C.P.)
1 - 100-6609 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-21290	(AFL SECTION)
1 - 100-11118 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-27791	(FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-5867 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-30717	(PARTY LINE)
1 - 100-22198 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-25539	(BRIEF)
1 - 100-30647 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-26239	(MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-23999 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-25085	(FUNDS)
1 - 100-27926 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-33359	(ATT. TO INFILT. MASS ORG.)
1 - [REDACTED] (SF 1601-S)	1 - 100-27806	(YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - [REDACTED]	1 - 100-28630	(STRAT. IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-27348 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-25347	(POLIT. ACTIV.)
1 - [REDACTED]	1 - 100-9720	(NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100-21889 [REDACTED]	1 - 100-27418	(INT. REL.)
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"NOV. 30 '59

"NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

"Nov. 21/22/59

"The Northern California District Convention was held at St. George's Hall, Grove St. between 24th & 25th Oakland.

"Those attending were [REDACTED] AL RICHMOND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (he was not a delegate, just drove some woman I believe from where he lives. - I did know her name but forget it. About 60 yrs. with red hair(dyed?). [REDACTED] (a Scotchman [REDACTED] (Spelling?). The couple who came to San Jose for an educational discussion [REDACTED] he is on the district committee. He said at the meeting, the dark haired woman who is quite short for San Francisco (almost a dwarf [REDACTED] farm worker. BILL SCHNEIDERMAN [REDACTED] (San Francisco), [REDACTED] (Farm Worker) [REDACTED] from Oakland. [REDACTED] from Butte County. [REDACTED] (dark hair-San Francisco) [REDACTED]

"CLARENCE HATHAWAY was there as an important honored visitor. He may stay in California.

"There were, it was reported, a total of 83 delegates at the convention.

"There were of course a large number whose names I do not know.

"The Saturday chairman was MERL BRODSKEY. The Sunday chairman was FRANCIS FINK.

"The keynote #3 on agenda was given by MICKEY LIMA stressed the fight for peace, labor unions and rights of Negro. It will be mimeographed for distribution later.

"The proposed committees (#4) were adopted. There was a

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"rules committee, appeals committee, miscellaneous resolution committee.

"several sub committees 1. Labor, 2. Youth, 3. Negro, 4. Peace, 5. Political Perspectives, 6. Agricultural Workers. These committees are to last for the entire convention. This two day session was the 1st half of the convention. (see agenda #21.) The 2nd half will be held some time after the National Convention.

"There were 3 groups (agenda #5) who elected members to committees. San Francisco, East Bay and the counties proved one group Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sonora, Santa Clara and Marin. It was decided that the counties could have votes according to how many delegates they were entitled to not how many delegates were there. (I was entitled to two votes as my club was entitled to two delegates and I was the only one.)

"The 30 minutes given to [] to give a report on his election campaign was moved to Sunday (agenda #6). The discussion on the keynote report - anyone who had anything to say on the report was given five minutes. The report made a very favorable impression on the convention.

"SUNDAY Nov. 22.

[] gave his report which is to be mimeographed. The report of the Resolutions Committee followed. All the resolutions were quite lengthy. They are supposed to be mimeographed.

#16 (agenda) There were 13 people nominated by the nominating committee to go as delegates to the national convention in New York. JOE GRAHAM nominated BOB LINDSEY for the floor. Some of them were MICKEY LIMA, AL RICHMOND, KENNEY (a woman) LEELA MAY THOMPSON JUANITA, DEL, and the others whose names I can't remember and did not dare write down. There is a little problem of raising some \$250.00. The total cost is \$3800.00. \$800.00 was raised from the assessments here. The Nat. Convention is to contribute 25 % of \$3000.00 and the party here is supposed to raise the rest if all 13 delegates are to go.

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[] gave the report of Negro work. []
[] on youth, [] on agriculture workers.

"There was a motion to make organizing the agriculture work the main concentration point for the Northern California District. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a paid party person to devote his time to work in the agricultural field but it was decided to put action off till the final meeting of the convention..

"There was a lengthy discussion on the case of the two members who were kicked out. [] when the convention opened Saturday, someone, I found it was [] (?) had distributed a 25 page legal size, single spaced, defense of [] [] It was immediately collected by the members of the district convention.

"There is certainly a very great deal of bad feelings over this and it is not ended. It seems that [] went around telling the members of the AFL clubs that they were disbanded. [] seems to be the worst of the two in the eyes of the district committee. Anyway just before the end of the convention Sunday it was announced that anyone who wanted the 25 page defense could take one any quote "No one will give in the fish eye" #19 on the agenda was connected with this situation.

"There were two young college boys who were there. One of them gave the only report that I could follow with any interest. It was I suppose what one would call a Marxist analysis of life on a college campus. I do not know their names or what college they go to. There was a great deal of emphasis on youth and the problem of starting youth Marxist clubs so there will be trained cadies to carry on Party work.

"Youth and organizing the agricultural workers seemed to be the most important problems considered.

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"P.S.

"I am wondering about the rummage sale that was held in the hall. The last time I was there there was also a rummage sale and I could not find any name of an organization in the place. I feel that

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"it might be a front.

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"ELIZABETH NICHOLAS
"SEVERAL

"This afternoon I went to see ELIZABETH NICHOLAS to tell her that I would help her Friday evening in the kitchen at the Peoples World Fair which is this week end. She told me that this is the first time they have ever asked for help outside of San Francisco.

"P.S.

"I mentioned my place at Twain Harte to ELIZABETH and she said she would like to come up to see it soon.

"Nov 30/59

"BOB LINDSEY

"ELIZABETH NICHOLAS told me that she was going to see MICKEY LIMA tonite in San Jose (I think). It seems that BOB LINDSEY's name was given to the nominating committee and they did not put it on the ballot. As I reported he was nominated for the floor. She is very upset about it. She said that BOB LINDSEY and JOE GRAHAM were really responsible for the Party having an agricultural committee. She said Sonoma County had two delegates nominated and Santa Clara had none. (BOB received the 2dn lowest number of votes.) It seems that BARBARA is extremely angry about it.

"ELIZABETH NICHOLAS told me there was a period a while back when BARBARA LINDSEY was sour on the Party. I think she is worried about what effect this situation with BOB might have on BARBARA.

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Attached to the report and filed with it was a mimeographed sheet entitled, "Proposed Agenda" it will be set out in detail.

The informant had no further information.

RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 12/7/59

FROM : SA LEO A. SCHON

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SUBJECT: CP NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
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held at 25th & Grove Sts.
Oakland, 11/21-22/59

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Set forth verbatim is a report by [redacted]

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100-21290 (AFL)
100-27792 (CP FARMERS' MATTERS)
100-28721 (NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSIONS)
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)
100-11128 [REDACTED]
100-27988 (DELMAR BERG)
100-23999 [REDACTED]
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100-43480 [REDACTED]
100- (Attorney- Marin County)
100-23133 [REDACTED]
100-34639 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Unk. man - Farm Labor Commission)
100-25426 [REDACTED]
100-42525 [REDACTED]
100-38340 (HY LUMER)
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100-27334 (CP Religion)

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San Francisco, California
November 25, 1959

District Convention of the CP of the Northern
District of California held afternoon of November
21 and all day November 22, with committee meetings
the evening of the 21st. This took place at
St. George's Hall, 25th and Grove Street, Oakland,
California

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November 21 - 22, 1959

The total present during the two days were eighty people according
to the report of the credentials committee. Among those present
both days, unless otherwise noted, were:

ILWU Club SF

ARCHIE BROWN
JIM BERRY
TOM MC PHERSON

Warehouse Club SF

DON THAYER
JOE FIGUREIDO
A Japanese Comrade (the same that attended the County Con-
vention)

North Beach Club SF

RALPH IZARD
GENEVIEVE BLUE

Sunset Club SF

ROBERTA HILL
HERB NUGENT
BECKY WONG
JIMMY WOOD (Who is actually a member of the North Beach Club
but elected a delegate by Sunset Club.)

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Richmond Club SF

HARRY KRAMER
IRVING FROMER
MRS. SANDY

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Inner & Outer Mission Clubs SF

BETTY WINTER (present the 22nd)
PETE WINTER (present the 21st)
JOY FIGUREIDO
LEA KUTNICK
VENUS THOMPSON
MASON ROBERSON (He may only have been present on the 22nd)

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The Fillmore Club SF

GEORGE SANDY
GRACE PARTRIDGE (Present the 22nd only)
MOLLY THAYER
RAY CLAYMAN
MARILYN HARRIS
MOLLIE BERRY
JUANITA WHEELER

The reason that Fillmore had so many people present was because they did not understand how many delegates they were supposed to elect. The people who the Fillmore Club decided were not delegates were permitted to remain around as alternates or observers.

The Scotchman named TOM was present on the 22nd representing the Building Trades Club, SF.

BILL SCHNEIDERMAN of the Building Trades Club SF was present both days, but was elected as a delegate by Sonoma County.

TOM HARPER represented the Machinest Club, SF.

AL RICHMOND and MANNY BROOKMAN were both present from the Teamsters Club, SF - one as delegate & one as alternate.

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JOHN STAPP (a member of the Warehouse Club of SF was present as a delegate elected from the East Bay).

People from the East Bay

MICKEY LIMA
MERLE
BILLIE WACHTER
SAUL
ROSCOE
STEVE MURDOCK
DON & DOUG (two youths, the last one, and probably both, are students at University of California)

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The member of the Warehouse Club who has grey hair and who was in charge of getting beer for the recent picnic of the PW.

A fellow named DOUG who is tall and has very dark hair and dark eyes. (Probably a AFL Oakland party member)

People from the outlying counties

FRAN (a man from Santa Clara County)
KETTY JOHNSON (Marin County)
AL STANLEY (Who was there on the 22nd)
DEL (who was involved with the farm labor group)
BOB (also involved with the Farm Labor Group, very tall, thin and blond.

People present whose County of origin not known

LULU MAE (a woman in her late 40's, very heavy set, blue eyes, light complexion)
BARBARA (dark blonde hair, blue eyes, she apparently has been working with the Negro commission of the District)
JOE (about 5'8", very dark hair, very black eyes, friend of BECKY WONG's)

The attorney from Marin who once sponsored a Party at his house for ROBERSON.

A man associated with the Farm Labor Commission of the Party who is in his late 40's, 5'10", black hair and eyes, squarish face.

Woman who looks like FRANCES SCHERMERHORN. She has faded sandy hair and complexion. She sat with the people from the outlying counties.

Man called "Max", 5'9", medium build, worried expression.

The convention called itself to order and elected MERLE to be chairman Saturday afternoon. (U)

The various committees were chosen, with delegates to these committees from San Francisco County, East Bay counties and outlying counties.

MICKEY LIMA gave his report.. His report agreed with the National Draft resolution and the letter submitted by the National Executive Committee as reprinted from the "Daily Worker". He called this the decade for peace and during which great advances

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can be made by the Party. This is all do to the KHRUSHCHEV visit and their program on disarmament. It is due to the seven year program of the Soviet Union. China is proccessing even faster than the Soviet Union. In the field of economics, he spoke on the problem of the conversion of a war economy to a peace economy. He said the economic factor will receive the most discussion. The Capitalist class has been using war economy as pump primer. The second factor is a political factor which is probably most important. This is important because it brings out the contradiction of the competition of the government in pump oriming activities being in competition with the monopolists. He made the statement that the huge budget is only possible under a war psychology. He spoke on automation. He said it is particularly important in the big corporation. Automation is not taking place to increase production. The big corporations are using it to overcome their competitors. Automation can only be fully utilized under a socialist system. Another item he mentioned was the increased contradiction under capitalism in the United States due to competition from foreign capitalists. He spoke of the impact of peace on politics. Labor, the Negro people and youth are disillussioned with both Parties on the subject of peace. In 1960, all the candidates are already starting to develop themselves as candidates supporting peace for the 1960 election. Labor must be a political force. It did do effective work in the 1958 election. It also did good work on the FEP laws, but these are exceptions to the rule that labor has played at present. He cited the attacks on labor: the Lamdrum-Griffin-Kennedy Bill (and that Kennedy must be attached to this bill) and all such laws, as it has been suggested, will be passed by the coming Congress. The AF of L-CIO Convention did not take a good stand on any of these labor legislations. It should have fought them more than it did. He cited that while the labor leadership is reacting in a reactionary way the labor unions, rank and file, are beginning to express themselves, in a militant way. (U)

He mentioned the role the Negroes are playing and the need for labor Negro unity. They help the Labor union fight the right to work laws. The labor union helps the Negro people to gain the FEP laws. He said that in fighting the Landrum, Griffin-Kennedy Bill there are two trends so far. The one is the fight that is growing in legislative way around SHELLY, a San Francisco Congressman. He said SHELLY finally did something for labor. In this respect, there is to be a coalition to defeat MAILLARD in his re-election to Congress. The second trend has taken place by the ILWU in which they refused to submit the names of their leaders when told to do so. The Party will do everything it can to encourage independent political activity by the unions. He warns that the National Government is going to put through the right to work laws. We should start fighting these laws now. He mentioned a lot about the Negro struggle. The party's role here is to see that there is a bridge between labor and the Negro people. He mentioned peace and youth. He mentioned that we should do away with the peacetime draft. (U)

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He spoke on the Party and the struggles in the Party and said this period was past. The Party will rebuild itself. After this, a lot of discussion took place. (U) (C)

ARCHIE BROWN was to be given time to report on the election. He chose to do it on Sunday. The discussion took place on all points of MICKEY's Report. Everyone thought it was a good report. There were some points which they thought could be strengthened.

After MICKEY LIMA gave his report, a youth, probably DOUG, gave a youth report. This consisted mostly of a report worked up by a group called "student youth: and he identified this as UC students.

The convention adjourned until the 22nd.

On the 22nd of November, FRAN was elected chairman of the second session.

There was a lot more discussion on MICKEY LIMA's report. While this discussion was going on the various committees were running in and out with reports or with requests, then the discussion on the resolution started.

ARCHIE BROWN made his report on the election campaign in San Francisco. He made more or less the same report that he made at the County Convention. The main aim of his report was to report the election campaign as proving the correctness of the draft resolution.

The first resolution was an amendment to the draft resolution on Negro work. This had been prepared by the District sub-committee. There should be further study done on Negro churches, women and trade union. It criticised the Party for not declaring its basic error during the war. This basic error should be publicly admitted. In discussing this resolution one of the principal things that was brought out that the Negro people are a very religious people and the Party is making a serious mistake in not taking part in their church activities. They must work with the Negro churches. This was passed. BARBARA & ROSCOE were the committee reporters on this resolution & it was said they had been working on a District Committee on Negro question. (U) (C)

The second resolution was on the political front. This was submitted by BILL SCHNEIDERMAN and represented work of a committee. (The mimeographed amendment will be submitted).

The National Draft Resolution on labor had not been available to them in the District of Northern California. A few copies had been obtained for this convention. Because the Party as a whole had not read the Draft Resolution, they did not pass the Draft resolution on TV. They acted on various resolutions around the

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problems of labor. The Committee reported that the National Draft Section on the fight back against the Landrum, Griffith, Kennedy bill should have been spelled out in more detail. This said that the provisions of the law should have been spelled out. The law does the following things: (U) ~~(C)~~

1. Prevents the use of labor solidarity by making secondary boycotts illegal.
2. It dictates whom the union can elect for officers.
3. It places financial burdens on trade unions. Because of this they will have to hire additional attorneys - pay out more money for bonding.
4. It gives premium protection for the agents of the bosses in the union and for union provocatures. This was the first resolution passed on labor.

A second resolution was passed on the need for the Party to return to a concentration in the trade union movement (the same motion passed in the County convention).

A third resolution dealt with automation. They must establish a special committee to study all aspects of automation and its effects and what the Party should do about it.

The fourth resolution was directed to the Party to study the reactionary attack on the labor movement and to find out the direction this reactionary movement is taking. This was a motion from the floor on labor.

The fourth group of resolutions was reported by the sub-committee on peace. This addressed itself to the letter from the National Executive Committee and reprint from the "Daily Worker". The peace committee pointed out that the peace committee adopted this letter, that working for peace was not voluntary on the part of EISENHOWER or the monopoly capitalist that it was forced on monopoly by the world peace forces. The whole situation with regard to peace must be studied and a program must be developed. There must be a study done on the subject of China. We must see to it that the United States develops a trade with China and that they get a seat in the United Nations. NEC letter should have included the role of women in peace. Women play a big role in the struggle for peace. The Party should consider that it has special responsibility in developing the role of peace. (U) ~~(C)~~

The Resolution Sub-committee on peace should work out in greater detail a program for the Northern District of the Party and report it to the second section of the District Convention. This must include saying how the monopolies can be forced in coming to some agreement in a summit meeting.

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The next item had to do with a special subject. It was reported by the General Resolutions Committee. At the very opening of the convention a document had been passed out by the left sectarian section of the Party. The people mainly responsible for getting this document to the meeting were DOUG, the Oakland AFL DOUG (not the youth DOUG) and MARJLYN HARRIS of San Francisco. The committee characterized this document as a factional document. It pointed out that the factionalists are boycotting the convention. HERB reported generally on everything that has been happening in the AF of L. There was a big hassel on this subject. The committee had to be polled to support what HERB was reporting. DOUG accused HERB of saying things other than what the committee agreed on. The polling supported HERB.

HERB NUGENT pointed out that part of the documents submitted in this overall document, which is twenty-five pages long, were the same ones that the factionalists had attempted to circulate in the Party during the last two years. There was nothing to stop them from bringing the resolution to the National Draft Resolution if they wanted to. The end of this mess was the convention voted to support HERB's statement that the document was factional. Anyone could take a copy. (Almost everybody present took one. STEVE MURDOCK said that these documents will probably become collectors items).

At this time, MARILYN HARRIS submitted a motion from the floor stating that the County of San Francisco should be criticized for dissolving the AF of L Section.

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TOM the Scotsman BTV got up and spoke on this. He said he was an AF of L member and that LEIBEL BERGMAN had told him that the Section Committee had been dissolved. The County contacted him and his club and they elected delegates to this convention. He didn't understand what was going on.

"TOM HARPER spoke and told what had happened in his club. He said he could no longer follow LEIBEL BERGMAN or VERN BAUN.

The next group to report was the youth. The convention voted that we support the youth and that the Party should support and develop a youth organization whenever this is possible. There are many diverse movements among our youth today. They are not unified. Some of the things that the Party intends to work on have to do with education. There must be several work projects for youth. The Party must encourage the youth to undertake apprentice training. It must be recognized that some of the problems are due to the lack of education for youth. The Party must take stands on all these. It was affirmed that there must be a youth organization whenever it is possible.

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The next report was by the agriculture sub-committee. They reported a mimeographed resolution to the convention. Because it was getting so late, this was referred to the second session of the District Convention. (U) (S)

There was another resolution having to do with Mexican-American Farm Labors. It was felt that we do not have enough information on this subject and at the present time this should be withdrawn from discussion, placed before the National Convention and the second session of the District Convention to see what kind of program we can develop on this subject.

The next resolution was the miscellaneous resolution. This referred itself to the National Convention Committee letter as re-printed from the "Daily Worker" and as modified by the resolution by the District Convention.

The second miscellaneous one was that they adopt MICKEY LIMA's report to the District Convention and that it be mimeographed; that they accept ARCHIE BROWN's report to the convention and it be mimeographed; that it commend AL STANLEY for the excellent food that was served.

The convention then had to act on the report from the Appeals Committee. They had been set up to hear appeals from disciplinary action that had been taken. This involved comrades MAURI from the East Bay and VERN BAUN from San Francisco. They had been expelled from the Party by the District Committee. The Appeals Committee reported that the first thing, a group of comrades had attempted to circulate a document throughout the convention. This had been referred to the general resolutions committee. The appeals committee moved that since it needed more material in the case of MAURI, it wanted to hold over a decision until the second session of the District Convention. At this point, MICKEY LIMA said that there would have to be some amendments and he proceeded to make them. If the convention did this, there might be jurisdiction difficulties. We would have to make an agreement that the National Convention would not act until after the second session of the District Convention and that MAURI would agree to this. The people from Oakland objected to the whole thing. (U) (S)

RALPH reported that the third motion would be that they uphold the expulsion of VERN BAUN. A great argument took place at this time.

ARCHIE BROWN asked that the convention vote to defeat the motion to study the MAURI case. At this point MICKEY LIMA was asked about his amendments and he withdrew them. (MICKEY LIMA

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seems to be a person who wavers from one side to the other and he is very much under the influence of ARCHIE BROWN). The convention defeated the motion to hold over the MAURI case.

ARCHIE BROWN then submitted a motion that the convention go on record upholding the District Committee for expelling MAURI. This passed.

The Appeals Committee then submitted the third motion, upholding expulsion of VERN BAUN. This passed.

The fourth motion was submitted that this convention recommended to the National Convention that it clarify Party constitutional language so that disciplinary procedure can be carried out with dignity and the authority of the Party upheld. This was passed.

The convention then proceeded to elect delegates to the National Convention. It was reported that the Northern District of California has thirteen delegates to the National Convention. There was also a recommendation that there was a special delegate, who would be a youth delegate.

The Rules and Election Committee reported that the youth delegate be elected by the Party youth club. The National Committee asked the Northern District of California elect as one of its representatives to the National Convention a member of the National Committee. The National Committee is recommending that all Districts do this so that the New York Party can elect as delegates to the National Convention someone besides National Executive Committee members. It seems as though they all live in New York. The person recommended was HY LUMER.

A slate of thirteen people was submitted to the Convention by the Committee on Rules and Elections. Everyone in the convention had thirteen votes. The twelve people would be considered delegates to the National Convention, and the 13th would be considered as an alternate. He would not go to the National Convention, but if a regular delegate couldn't go then he would go. Nominations from the floor were opened up.

The first person nominated was BOB. He accepted. BILL SCHNEIDERMAN had to refuse to go. BILLIE WACHTER was nominated and the something happened.

The nominations were closed and the balloting proceeded.

The following twelve people were elected as delegates, but not in this order of preference.

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MICKEY LIMA, ARCHIE BROWN, AL RICHMOND, JOE FIGUREIDO, LEA KUTNICK, DEL, LULU MAE, JUANITA WHEELER, ROSCOE, KETTY JOHNSON, SAUL, RALPH IZARD. The total Northern Dist. of Calif. delegation will be the 12 above, plus HY LUMER, plus the special youth delegate.

It had been decided that the other two people would be considered alternates. Instead of one there will be two.

BOB was 1st alternate.

MAX was another.

Regarding the finances for sending people to the National Convention, the following had been reported upon and decided. It will cost \$3800 to send our thirteen people back East. About \$800 of it has been raised in assessments. The National Committee is committed to send about 25% or around \$750. The remainder the Party will have to raise. Is is a little over \$2,000. We must make a fight to raise this money and send all of our delegates. The money raised will be pooled. If there is not enough money to send all the people, then all the elected delegates to the National Convention will meet with the District Committee and will decide who will go.

The convention adjourned and will be reconvened after the National Convention is over, which will be some time in January, 1960.

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[redacted] subsequently advised that she believed attorney from Marin is BARNEY DREYFUS. A photo of DREYFUS will be exhibited to her. She described attorney as middle age, 5'8½", 155 lbs., medium build, square face, brown hair, sallow complexion, and as an indecisive looking man.

Unknown Subject TOM is age 60, speaks with very broad accent. He is about 5'6" and small in stature, 140 lbs., white hair light eyes, wears glasses, ruddy complexion. He has not been too active because he has been under influence of LEIBEL BERGMAN.

Unknown Subject DOUG acted as spokesman for left group from East Bay. He is in an AFL Club, age 43-48, white, and six feet in height.

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[] also identified MIKE DEGUCHI as the Japanese comrade from the Warehouse Club of San Francisco, MERLE BRODSKY, SAUL WACHTER, ROSCOE PROCTOR, DOUG WACHTER & RODNEY SLOAN as the two youths, all being people from the East Bay. b7D

[] also subsequently identified FRAN as FRANCES FINK, DEL as DELMAR BERG, and BOB as BOB LINDSAY, BARBARA as BARBARA as BARBARA TAYLOR, JOE as ADRIAN PALOMINO and LULU MAE as LULU MAE THOMPSON, and MAX as MAX BEGARIE. *San Francisco Warehouse Club*

RECOMMENDATION: Return copies designated for attorney - Marin County, Unknown Subject TOM, Unknown Subject DOUG, and members of Warehouse Club to writer for further identification.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - U.S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA CLAIR I, PETERKIN
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF [REDACTED]
(LOT NO. 50, DATED 12/3/59,
[REDACTED])

DATE: 12/31/59

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There are attached to this memo, and to be considered as part of the memo, photographs or photostats of material relative to Communist Party Northern California District matters and members thereof, furnished by [REDACTED] on 12/3/59.

These photostats are for filing in the case files of the individual and organizations concerned therein. The numbers appearing in the upper right-hand margin of each photostat represent the numerical order in which the photographs were received. Each subsequent lot will be numbered consecutively after the preceding one. The source in this case is close to ALBERT J. LIMA, Chairman, CP Northern California District. Original photographs of this material as well as the developed film will be filed as a bulky exhibit in [REDACTED]

Distribution of the photographs is shown on the backs of the originals in [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 12/11/59
FROM : SA DIRCK A. MERRILL
SUBJECT: CP, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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DOCUMENTATION:

[redacted] Dist. Convention of CP 12/1/59 SA D.A. [redacted]
held St. George's Hall MERRILL
Grove St., Oakland, Calif.
11/21-22/59

Set forth verbatim is a report by SF 1828-S.

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100-589 [redacted]
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100-29898 [redacted]
97-26 (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN)
100-21893 [redacted]
100-20016 [redacted]
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
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San Francisco, California
December 1, 1959

District Convention held at
St. George's Hall, Grove Street,
Oakland, California

November 21 - 22, 1959

The following persons were present:

ARCHIE BROWN	NAT YANISH
MICKEY LIMA	DAN
ROBERTA HILL	JUANITA WHEELER
HERB NUGENT	RALPH IZARD
IRVING FROMER	JOE FIGUREIDO
JIM BERRY	JIMMY WOOD
MOLLY BERRY	TOM FLEMING
GENEVIEVE BLUE	KETTY JOHNSON & MAX BEAGARIE
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN	JOHN STAPP (Mill Valley)
MANNY BROOKMAN	MARILYN HARRIS
STEVE MURDOCK	TIM KELLY
AL RICHMOND	ROBERSON
GEORGE SANDY	LULU MAE & her husband
DEL - Agricultural Expert	PETE WINTER & his wife

The Meeting started at 1:00 Saturday afternoon. I was elected to the Rules Committee. It was made up of ARCHIE BROWN, MICKEY LIMA, LULU MAE, myself and one young fellow, whom I do not know, who was addressed as DAVE. We were kept pretty busy with rules to cover contingencies of the convention. A pamphlet was being circulated. We passed a rule which was adopted by the convention that copies of this resolution should be turned in to the chairman, MERLE, of the convention. All copies of this document would be turned in to him for the general resolutions committee to act on. We adopted ROBERTS' rules as the governing set of rules.

Every AF of L Section had delegates that had been elected.

MICKEY LIMA and ARCHIE BROWN were questioning me to determine the best course to pursue toward the AF of L Section. I recommended leniency. I think this idea was generally accepted.

On Sunday, we got down to business, choosing a slate of delegates to represent the Party at the National Convention. We have been asked by the National Executive Committee to elect HY LUMER to the National Convention. The National Executive Committee is faced with this problem due to the fact that many of the members of the NEC have been out of their home territory for years. We chose, in addition to HY LUMER, a slate of twelve

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delegates plus two alternates. The persons whom I remember were:

ARCHIE BROWN, MICKEY LIMA, JUANITA, JOE FIGUREIDO, KETTY, a Negro named ROSCOE, MOLLY BERRY, who may or may not go, TIM KELLY, JIM WOODS, a fellow named DEL, LULU MAE, the fellow who is an agriculture expert, and a tall slender blond fellow and RALPH IZARD.



We are going to have to raise about \$2300 locally for these delegates. The NEC has agreed to pay twenty-five per cent of the remainder. Every member has been asked to raise a minimum of \$10.

VERN BAUN and MAURI from the East Bay had an appeal which was turned down.

I was present when they voted to extend their apologies to all the Japanese members who were kicked out of the CP during the days around Pearl Harbor. We voted to ask the National Convention to follow our course in that respect.

After the meeting was over, I rode back with HERB NUGENT and ROBERTA HILL.

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 has been thoroughly questioned concerning the above, but could furnish no additional pertinent information.

RECOMMENDATION: All necessary action has been taken.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 12/7/59
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/25/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 11/24/59, concerns the CP N. Calif. District Convention held at Oakland, California on 11/21,22/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)

100-24197 [redacted]

100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

100-29506 [redacted]

100-31391 [redacted]

100-27286 [redacted]

100-27348 [redacted]

100-10835 [redacted]

61-415 (AL RICHMOND)

100-23984 [redacted]

61-408 [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
November 24, 1959

"The Communist Party of Northern California held the first half of their District Convention in Oakland on Saturday and Sunday at St. George Hall, at the corner of Grove and 25th Sts. The second session of the Convention will be held early in February of 1960.

"Registration opened at about 12:30 pm on Saturday, November 21, 1959 and most of the following persons registered on Saturday. A few of them registered on Sunday morning, the 22nd.

"ELIZABETH NICOLAS (Santa Clara area)
ARCHIE BROWN (San Francisco)
JIM WOOD (San Francisco)
HERB NUGENT (San Francisco)
BILLIE WACHTER (Berkeley)
KETTY JOHNSON (Sausalito)
MICKIE LIMA (Oakland)
HELEN LIMA (Oakland)
TOM HARPER (San Francisco)
DON VELENZUELLA (?) from Richmond, 5'6", medium build,
dark complexion, dark brown eyes,
black hair and mustache, about 45 years.
JIM BALLARD (LINDSAY)
NADINE and HASKELL SMITH (Fresno)
DELMER BERG (Modesto)
HOWARD KEYLOR (Stockton)
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON (Lathrop)
LILLIAN RANSOME (Wheatland)
VIRGIL COLE (Chico)
BARNEY DE VETO (Marysville)
JOHN STAPP (San Francisco)
AL RICHMOND "
MASON ROBESON
HARRY KRAMER
STEVE MURDOCK
GEORGE SANDY and wife (San Francisco)
JOE FIGUEIREDO and wife (San Francisco)
FRAN and VIVIAN FINK (Santa Clara area)
JOE GRAHAM (San Jose)
BOB and BARBARA LINDSEY (Santa Clara area)
DAVID HIPPOLITO
MERLE BROTSKY (East Bay)
CLARENCE HATHAWAY (Formerly from New York. Visiting the
ares)

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"MOLLIE BERRY and husband (he is the janitor at the
People's World)

ROSCO PROCTOR (East Bay)

DAVE FORBES (Berkeley)

RODNEY SLOAN (Berkeley, youth)

DON (?) WACHTER (Berkeley, son of SOL and BILLIE)

SOL WACHTER (Berkeley)

RALPH IZARD (San Francisco)

MAX (Marin County)

LEE KUTNIK (San Francisco)

VENUS THOMPSON (San Francisco)

Mrs. WONG

TOM MAC PHERSON (Negro)

GRACE PARTRIDGE

REUBEN VINGER (Sonoma)

Two women from Sonoma, came with REUBEN, very short,
heavy set, in their fifties, both with long
gray hair.

TIM from Marin. This person is not known but was men-
tioned as present by KETTY and ELMER JOHNSON.

ELMER JOHNSON (Sausalito)

JUANITA WHEELER (San Francisco)

BILL SCHNEIDERMAN (San Francisco)

MARY FIELD (Palo Alto)

"The Credentials Committee Report was presented to the
Convention by LULU MAE THOMPSON and gave the following informa-
tion:

"Total registered	84
Regular delegates	80
Alternate "	3
"Observer"	1

"Of the regular delegates, there were 48 men and 35
women.

"The age groups were as follows:

"under 20	-----	2
20 to 29	-----	1
30 to 39	-----	18
40 to 49	-----	30
50 to 59	-----	21
over 60	-----	11

"Years in the Party:

"0 to 5 ----- 8
6 to 10----- 9
11 to 15----- 16
16 to 20----- 16
over 20 ----- 34

"Area representation:

"San Francisco	33	regular delegates,	1	alternate
East Bay	22	"	"	
Santa Clara	7	"	"	
Sac-San Valley	8	"	"	2 "
Marin County	6	"	"	
Sonoma	\$	"	"	

"Preceding the opening of the convention on Saturday, DAVID HIPOLITO, assisted by several others, suddenly started the distribution of a 25 page mimeographed document which he termed an information document concerning the two expelled Party members, VERNE BAUNE and MAURIE GRANAT. ARCHIE BROWN and others quickly gathered up as many of them as they could and as soon as the Convention was opened, MICKIE LIMA asked what the delegates wished to do about the document. It was voted to turn the papers over to the Resolutions Committee for review and recommendation.

"MERLE BROTSKY was elected Chairman for the first day and BILLIE WACHTER was made the Secretary. MICKIE LIMA made the opening report and this was followed by a short adjournment for area caucuses to choose members for the various committees. The outlying areas met and selected the following representatives:

"Rules and Nominating---LULU MAE THOMPSON
Appeals---ELIZABETH NICOLAS
Miscellaneous Resolutions---MAX from Marin County
Labor-----FRAN FINK
Youth-----VIVIAN FINK
Negro-----BARBARA LINDSEY
Peace-----AL RICHMOND
Political Perspectives----HOWARD KEYLOR
Ag Workers-----JIM BALLARD, DELMER BERG, BOB LINDSEY and
JOE GRAHAM

"Each of these committees, excepting the first three, elected one person to the Resolutions Committee.

"As soon as the convention reconvened, discussion on MICKIE's report opened and the Rules and Nominating Committee, which consisted of ARCHIE BROWN, TOM HARPER, LULU MAE THOMPSON, MICKIE LIMA and DON VELENZUELLA, met and discussed rules for the convention and the problem of selecting delegates to the National Convention. The Northern California District is entitled to 13 delegates, on of whom should be a member of the National Executive Committee, so the New York Clubs will not have to give up all their regular delegates to provide for the National Committee. The area is also allowed one delegate from their new youth Club, who will be allowed to attend the convention, with no voice or vote. Expenses for this number of delegates figures out to approximately \$500.00. About \$800.00 has been raised by the convention assessment and the National will provide 25% of the balance, leaving over \$2000.00 to be raised in the District.

"On Sunday, the Convention voted to send the full delegation if enough money is raised. The youth delegate will be selected in the Youth Club and the convention voted to allow HY LUMER to represent this area from the National Executive Committee. The following persons were suggested to the Rules and Nominating Committee as possible candidates for delegate to the National Convention:

*IDA MORGAN
AL RICHMOND
ARCHIE BROWN
LULU MAE THOMPSON
JOE FIGUEIREDO
MAX (Marin)

*TIM "

ROSCO PROCTOR

*CHARLIE MANN

*GEORGE SANDY

*LAIBLE BERGMAN

RALPH IZARD

*WONG

*MOLLY BERRY

JUANITA WHEELER

*BERNICE WATKINS (daughter of MOLLY BERRY)

*VENUS THOMPSON

*PETE WINTER

*STEVE MURDOCK

*JIM WOOD

LEE KUTNIK

*TOM MAC PHERSON

*TOM HARPER

*HERB NUGENT

KETTY JOHNSON

DELMER BERG

*BOB LINDSEY

Those marked with an asterrisk were considered and then dropped for various reasons, that is, job, health, security and, in the case of BERGMAN, his political views. In nominations from the floor, BOB LINDSEY's name was returned to the list.

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"The election results were as follows, as announced by LULU MAE THOMPSON who conducted the election:

"1.	MICKIE LIMA	73	votes
2.	JOE FIGUEIREDO	68	
3.	AL RICHMOND	64	
4.	ARCHIE BROWN	72	
5.	RALPH IZARD	52	
6.	JUANITA WHEELER	72	
7.	LEE KUTNIK	63	
8.	MAX (Marin)	44	(became 2nd alternate)
9.	KETTY JOHNSON	64	
10.	ROSCO PROCTOR	75	
11.	SOL WACHTER	61	
12.	LULU MAE THOMPSON	59	
13.	DELMER BERG	51	
14.	BOB LINDSEY	48	(became 1st alternate)

"According to motions passed, if enough money to send all delegates is not raised, a meeting of those elected with the District Board will be held and a selection made, on a political basis, of those to go. A committee consisting of GEORGE SANDY, HERB NUGENT and MOLLY BERRY will handle the finances and purchase tickets. Two more will be added to this committee by the District Board.

"The Appeals Committee met on Sunday morning at MICKIE LIMA's home to hear the appeal of MAURIE GRANAT and VERNE BAUNE. They appeared at the Convention before it opened on Sunday morning and then went before the Appeals Committee. When the Committee returned and reported to the Convention, they recommended that the case of GRANAT be reopened and reviewed by the Committee between the two sessions of the Convention. This was voted down and then a vote was taken which upheld his expulsion and a second vote upheld BAUNE's expulsion.

"There was a brief meeting in the hall Sunday morning between BOB LINDSEY, BARBARA LINDSEY, JOE GRAHAM, VIVIAN FINK, LULU MAE THOMPSON, HOWARD KEYLOR and DELMER BERG concerning proposed nominations for delegates. GRAHAM stated he understood there was some question of DEL having the support of his Section for delegate and asked LULU MAE THOMPSON if this were true. She stated it was and after discussion, it was decided to ask DEL and JOE and some of those in the Section with objections to appear before the Rules and Nominations Committee to give their reasons and to leave the decision up to them. The Rules Committee decided that, while there is probably some validity to the Sections stand, it would be to the benefit of the Party for this area, for DEL to go to the Convention, so his name was placed in nomination.

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"GEORGE SANDY told LULU MAE THOMPSON that the transfer of ERNEST GURR from the Stanislaus County Club to the Fresno Club had the approval of the Org. Committee and he turned GURR's address over to NADINE SMITH.

"FRAN FINK was Chairman of Sunday's Session of the Convention.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed on 11/30/59 and could furnish no additional information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 12/14/59
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 12/7/59 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that a Communist Party, Northern California District, Farm Workers Commission meeting was held on 12/6/59 in the People's World building in San Francisco, California. [redacted] advised that the following persons were present at this meeting:

JOE GRAHAM
BARBARA LINDSEY
HOWARD THOMPSON
LULU MAE THOMPSON

HOWARD KEYLOR
DELMER BERG
LILLIAN RANSOME
BARNEY DEVETO

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[redacted] advised that this meeting concerned the preparing of a resolution that the CP assume as a major political task the organizing of the farm workers. A copy of this resolution was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE and is being maintained as an exhibit in [redacted]

Informant could furnish no additional information.

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[redacted] SF 1604-S)
100-5867 [redacted]
100- [redacted]
100-29506 [redacted]
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)
100-31391 [redacted]
100-27348 [redacted]
100-25539 (CP BRIEF)
100-33359 (ATTEMPTS TO INFIL. MASS ORGS.)
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)
100-26165 (PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
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100-28630 (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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b7ERequest of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco[redacted]
[redacted] for information concerning the case entitled CP USAIS - C SF 100-11889[redacted] see attached:
[redacted]Signed: Robert F. Savage
Special AgentApproved: RL
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Informant's File No. [redacted]

[redacted] By Whom Robert F. Savage
[redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-11889) December 7, 1959

FROM : SA J. Tarleton

SUBJECT : CP - Northern California District
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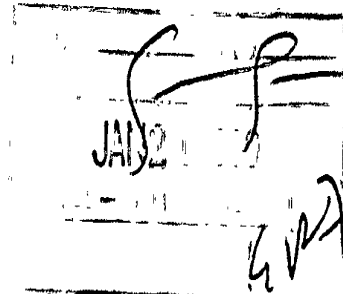
A photo surveillance was conducted of persons attending the 1st session of the District Convention, 11/21 and 22/59, at St. George Hall, Oakland, California.

Photo of the person, to whose file this memo is directed, is attached for inspection of the Agent handling the case for use on the SI card and/or placing in the person's exhibit envelope.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [REDACTED] DATE: 1/13/60
FROM : SA ROBERT S. BERRYMAN
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF [REDACTED]
(LOT NO. 11, dated 12/10/59, W 561 - W665)

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There are attached to this memo, and part thereof, photographs or Photostats of material relative to Communist Party, Northern District of California, matters and members thereof, furnished by [REDACTED] on 12/10/59. (Documentation not necessary).

These Photostats are for filing in the case files of the individuals and organizations concerned therein. The numbers appearing in the upper right-hand margin of each attachment represent the numerical order in which the photographs were received. Each subsequent lot will be numbered consecutively after the preceding one. The source in this case is close to [REDACTED] Alameda and Contra Costa Counties,) Northern California District, CP, USA.

[REDACTED] Original photographs of this material received from [REDACTED] as well as the developed film will be filed as a bulky exhibit in [REDACTED] Distribution of the photographs is shown on the backs of the originals in [REDACTED]

So long as this source is shown to be active, and information from it is used in an investigative report or is disseminated in any fashion, the name and address of the custodian of this material should be taken to protect the source.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 1/5/60
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/28/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 12/26/59, concerns a meeting of the CP N. Calif. Delegates to the CP National Convention. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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100-42909 [redacted]

100-6609 [redacted]

61-398 [redacted]

61-415 (AL RICHMOND)

100-4524 [redacted]

100-25215 [redacted]

100-29842 [redacted]

100-17111 [redacted]

100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND Pubs.)

100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

100-25539 (CP BRIEF)

100-27418 (CP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)

100-43478 (CP NAT'L COMM. VIEWPOINTS)

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(CLARENCE HATHAWAY)

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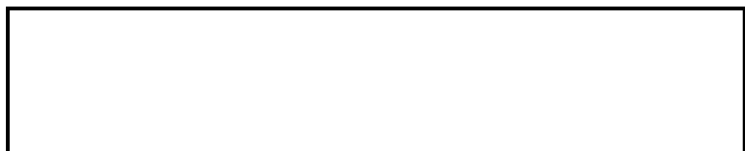
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 26, 1959

"On Tuesday evening, December 22, 1959, a meeting of the delegates who attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party was held in the offices of the People's World in San Francisco. Those who were present for the meeting were:

"MICKIE LIMA
LULU MAE THOMPSON
LEE KUTNICK
JUANITA WHEELER
ROSCOE PROCTOR
AL RICHMOND
ARCHIE BROWN
GEORGE SANDY
CLARENCE HATHAWAY
DOUG WACHTER
SAUL WACHTER
HOWARD THOMPSON
JOE FIGUEIREDO
RALPH IZARD

"MICKIE LIMA opened the meeting and announced he had called the delegates together to prepare a report or outline of a report for the delegates to use when reporting to the clubs in their areas. MICKIE stated that he had made an outline of a report and stated he would give it and then those present could add to it and the final results would either be typed or mimeographed and could be used by the delegates.

"The following is his analysis of the Convention:

"The Convention was the most positive development in the last two years and lays a basis to re-unite the Party on the policy developed, with the opportunity to win back some of those from both the right and left. It will make it possible to regain the initiative among the left forces, and to become the mass Party of Socialism. The Convention is a basis to rebuild on a National scale and the 17th Convention can be labeled as the Convention that led to the rebuilding of the Communist Party.

"It laid a basis among Negro and Youth Workers for the re-establishment as a functioning organization.

"With the election of the New National officers a basis was laid for a better functioning center. GUS HALL's experience and ability as a theorist is a big factor in the functioning of the center, and added to this he will have the support of EUGENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS, HY LUMER and JIM JACKSON. Lightfoot will be in charge of Negro work and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Vice Chairman will lead to a Center which will show initiative and leadership. The new plans for National Committee meetings which will be held only twice a year but which will be at least a week long and with National Committee members functioning on a Regional basis will be a foundation which will allow the formulation of a National Policy.

"The Draft Resolution as it was recast and rewritten placed peace and the shift of the peace front to the fore and the new variations in the various sections added greatly to the strength of the Resolution.

"This Convention could be classed as a 'working convention', with practically every delegate on a committee.

"The Convention defeated a leftist trend which developed. HALL warned in his keynote of the Party's tendency to swing from side to side. If there are weaknesses in documents adopted they can be laid to the pressure of time. Most took a positive and sound direction, stressing a united front as a basis for work, and upheld the decisions of the District Committee in Northern California in regard to factional activity and instructed that further action should be taken against those who ignore the decision. There will be a personal letter from GUS HALL to those concerned.

"Also Clarified important theoretical questions on Peace and the new era we are in and the question of anti-monopoly coalition, the question of self-determination and nationhood for the Negro people.

"The Party entered its 17th National Convention in a period when both right and left factionalism was on a decline, when socialism is on the ascendancy over capitalism, marking the beginning of the end for imperialism, etc.

"The fight for peace was projected in specific forms, not only to save the Nation and civilization. Must relate it to the people, showing how a cut in arms will mean cuts in taxes, more homes, schools, Hospitals, etc.

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"Dealt with main home front problems, such as automation and unemployment and the drive against steel in contrast with the rapid developments in other countrys. Rise in National and State debts, inflation, agricultural crises, housing, education, etc. The sharpest effects of these developments are felt by the Negro, Mexican-American and other minority groups. The offensive against the Unions has had its effect against the politicians and sharp struggles are developing in civil rights and civil liberties. Anti-monopoly coalition has shown the answer. It has placed the question as the strategic objective and goal of the people's movement and sets forth the capitalist class as those we must oppose and made clear this is the general direction in which we must move, how to get there and when must be described in various ways. Against this background the convention discussed the 1960 elections, stressing independent political action and the Negro in the Democratic Party on a platform of pro-peace, pro-labor, and pro-civil rights and oust the Dixie-crats. We must be against negativism and cynacism and eliminate factionalism in the Party. HALL warned against the good going with the bad.

"The Party must re-examine the status of its legality, re-open the fight against chauvinism and develop a program of action on Negro rights.

"A drive will be made to increase the Party membership by 10% by May 1st, eliminate organization weaknesses and move into mass work.

"There must be further study of the question of Self-determination and other factors of the Negro liberation movement.

"The Convention spelled out an approach on the Youth question, placing it on a level equal to labor and the Negro question. Three youth were elected to the National Committee, [redacted] from Philadelphia, [redacted] from Chicago and [redacted] from Southern California.

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"The group in the New York delegation tending to a leftist viewpoint were defeated in their bid for election to the National Committee. Out of eight nominated from New York, four were defeated, leaving a group more representative of the line and policy of the Party in New York."

"At the conclusion of the above report by MICKIE, there was a period of general discussion, with all those speaking agreeing with the line of his report. It was suggested that some of the tapes of the Convention be secured and an effort be made to have them broadcast over KPFA in Berkeley. They are going to be used in a similar way over FM stations in the East.

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"The Resolution dealing with the treatment of Japanese-American Party members will be publicised in the People's World and press releases given to other newspapers.

"Copies of the Negro resolution will be made available to Negro leaders and the Negro press and to other groups where it might have a beneficial effect in the Negro peoples movement.

"The District Board will hold a meeting on January 5th and the District Committee will meet on January 9th to discuss the approach to the second session of the District Convention which will be held on February 6th and 7th.

"After this meeting closed, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON asked MICKIE LIMA to give serious consideration to the problem of how the Party members in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section feel about DELMER BERG before he makes a final decision on hiring DEL to be the co-ordinator of Party work in the Agricultural Workers organizing drive. MICKIE stated that he would like to have LEE KUTNICK represent the District in an inquiry and a date was set for January 3rd at the HOWARD THOMPSON home.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/5/60 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 1/18/60
 FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS
 SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	CP Section Meeting at home of LULU MAE THOMPSON, Lathrop, California, on 1/3/60.	1/7/60	writer	[redacted]

Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to writer in persons on 1/7/60.

"Jan. 6, 1960

"I attended a communist party meeting January 3, 1960 at the home of HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON in Lathrop, Calif.

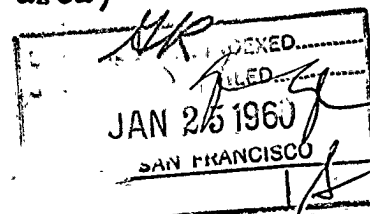
"Those present were HOWARD KAYLOR, from Stockton, MARIE from Sacramento, LILLIAN RANSOM and BARNEY from Yuba County, DELMAR BERG from Modesto, [redacted] from Fresno, HOWARD & LULU MAE from Lathrop. There were two women from the Bay Area that did not give their names.

cc: 8 - San Francisco (DEL BERG) - REGISTERED 65-807-89810
 100-29502 (HOWARD KAYLOR) 100-28062-21992
 (MARIE) (From Sacramento) -406
 100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)
 (BARNEY) (From Yuba County) [redacted]
 [redacted] (LEE) (From Bay area)

100-31196 [redacted]
 100-56652 [redacted]

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"One of the womens first name was LEE.

"This meeting was called to decide whether DEL BERG was capable of being coordinator for the Communist party of California, to organize all leftist people in helping to organizing the Farm Labor Union (AF of L & CIO).

"Charges were brought against DEL that he was getting intoxicated and telling it around that he was a Communist and was not ashamed of it. DEL said this was untrue. DEL had been accused of going ahead and doing things his way without consenting the party. He said this was true and try to correct it. He was accused of losing his temper in party meetings. It was agreed that he will be on trial before being elected cooridnator, that he will have to be given a chance to prove him self capable of doing this job."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 1/19/60

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	CP Section Meeting at home of LULU MAE THOMPSON, Lathrop, Calif., 1/3/60.	1/7/60	writer	[redacted]

Informant furnished the following written report:

"Jan. 6, 1960

"I attended a Communist Party meeting at the home of HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON, Sunday January 3, 1960. This was a Section meeting of the outlying counties of Northern Calif.

"This meeting was called to decide if DEL BERG should take the job as Coordinator for the Communist Party of California to organize and get together all the Leftist people to work in helping to organize the Farm Labor Union, A.F.L. & C.I.O.

cc: 8 - San Francisco

[redacted] - REGISTERED

[redacted] (From Yuba County)

[redacted] 100-31391

[redacted] (From Sacramento)

(DELMER BERG) 100-27988

[redacted] (From San Francisco)

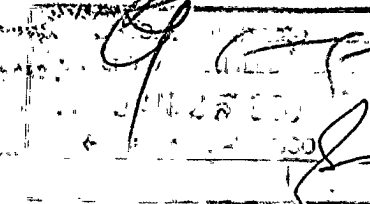
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"It was decided at the Communist Party Convention in New York, N.Y. to furnish money for a coordinator and DEL BERG of Modesto, Calif. was recommended for the job but some of the Party members did not think DEL BERG should have the job. Some of them said he had been making mistakes of doing things without discussing them with the Party and had been drinking and going out with married women.

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"DEL did admit that some of the charges were true but he would correct them.

"People present at this meeting were:

"HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON

[REDACTED] & Yuba Co.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Sacramento

DELMER BERG, Modesto

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ? of San Francisco

[REDACTED] of Stockton

[REDACTED]

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES Date: 1/21/60
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/8/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/5/60, concerns a special CP Valley Section meeting held at Lathrop, California on 1/3/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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100-31196 [redacted]
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100-16828 (CP FRESNO CO.)
100-48482 [redacted]
(CP FACTIONALISM)

Read by: *EPF*

Reviewed by: *EPF*

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)
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OF CALIF.)

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 5, 1960

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"A special meeting of some of the members of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, January 3, 1960, and the following people attended:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

[REDACTED]
LILLIAN RANSOME

[REDACTED]
DELMER BERG

[REDACTED] (representing the District)

[REDACTED] (Brought [REDACTED] stated they belong
to the same Club).

HOWARD KEYLOR (afternoon only)

"LULU MAE THOMPSON opened the meeting at about 11:00 am and stated that she had called the meeting at the request of the District Chairman, MICKIE LIMA. She stated that DELMER BERG is being considered for the position of Co-ordinator for Party work in the organization of farm workers in the San Joaquin Valley and MICKIE had heard that there were some objections from the Party members in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section. He sent [REDACTED] out to hear these objections and report back to the District.

"The meeting was then turned over to [REDACTED] and she asked the members of the Section to express their objections to DEL and the reasons back of the objections and called on DEL to reply. The objections covered many things, including DEL's methods of work within the Party, his lack of control of his temper which was shown in the case of [REDACTED] his personal life and the fact that he has no organizational ability. DEL replied to the criticism, denying some and accepting some. Except for a break for lunch, the discussion continued until about 2:30 pm. at which time [REDACTED] said she thought that she could make a report to the District on the information she had received.

"After the meeting had closed, [REDACTED] asked LULU MAE THOMPSON if he could speak to her and he told her that [REDACTED] had read a copy of the statement distributed at the District Convention by the factional group in the San Francisco area. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is convinced that their case is legitimate and that he will have to be convinced otherwise. LULU MAE advised

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[] that the National Convention had upheld the decision of the District in the case and asked [] to try to have [] attend the Section meeting on January 17th, at which time some one will be present from the District to talk to him.

[] and LILLIAN RANSOME stayed until all the others had gone and [] informed the THOMPSONS that [] had told her before she left that DEL had failed to impress her with his denials of the criticisms made of him and she would report this to the District.

/s/ []

[] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/12/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 1/25/60

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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact 12/28/59; 1/5,8,11,12,18,21,25/60	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SA R. Savage

DATE: 1-22-60

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED]

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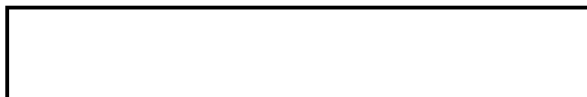
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Rememo 12/24/53, which instructs that informants be contacted and alerted for any indication of unusual interest in the operation of Strategic Air Command Bases, Mather Air Force Base, Beale AFB and Travis AFB being within this program. This memorandum further instructed that informants were to be recontacted at least every six months with reference to this program. A notation should be made in the file [REDACTED] reflecting this contact.

In recontacting informants, extreme care should be used not to pinpoint the operation of these bases as being any different than that of any other bases and informant should be instructed to report any unusual interest concerning any military installation. Please give this immediate and expeditious attention.

Informant SF-1604-SDate of Recontact 1/28/60

1. SA Robert F. Savage
2. PUCCI [Signature]

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CITY San Francisco, California

DATE January 29, 1960

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

[Redacted] see attached:

Signed: Robert F. Savage
Special Agent

Approved: [Signature]

R. D. Overbach
SAC

Informant's File No. [Redacted]

[Redacted] By Whom Robert F. Savage

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/9/60

FROM :SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

SUBJECT:CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/21/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/19/60, concerns a meeting of the CP Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section held at Lathrop, California on 1/17/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 19, 1960

"A meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party of Northern California was held at the Howard Thompson home on Sunday, January 17, 1960, with the following people present, some for only part of the meeting:

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[REDACTED]
(CP NATL COMM VIEWS)
(MICKIE LIMA)

[REDACTED]
(DELMER BERG)
(CP FARMERS MATTERS)
(CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(NEGRO QUESTION)
(CP MEMBERSHIP)
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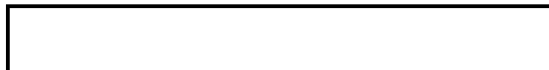
" MICKIE LIMA



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JOE GRAHAM

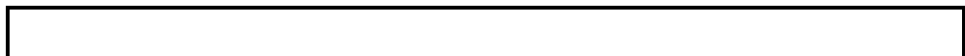
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON



LILLIAN RANSOME



DELMER BERG



were also planning on attending the meeting, but these three were injured in an accident south of Madera. [REDACTED] was also with them, but was uninjured and he came on up by bus and was picked up in Manteca by HOWARD THOMPSON. [REDACTED] reported that the others had been taken to the hospital in Madera but he did not think their injuries were serious.

" The meeting was opened with a discussion of the question of a co-ordinator for the Party in the organizational drive of the Agricultural Workers in the San Joaquin Valley. There were two things considered, whether a co-ordinator is needed and if so, is DELMER BERG the proper person for the position. MICKIE LIMA finally stated that the District Board had appointed ARCHIE BROWN and himself to look into the question and he proposed that JOE GRAHAM and LULU MAE THOMPSON be added to this committee, and that the committee meet and plan a program of action for the next two months and utilize all available

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"people in the area to carry out the program. This committee will meet in the offices of the People's World on Friday evening, January 22, 1960.

"The meeting then recessed for lunch and following lunch, [REDACTED] MICKIE LIMA, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left.

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"When the meeting was called back to order, [REDACTED] reported on the Negro Resolution which was passed at the National Convention and went into some detail on the reasons for dropping the slogan of "self determination" for the Negro people and then he answered questions.

"The next item was a report by LULU MAE THOMPSON on the second session of the District Convention and asked that the delegates come prepared to accept quotas in the People's World Fund Drive and to also report on how many they intend to recruit into the Party before the 1st of May.

"The Chairman, LULU MAE THOMPSON said that their was a possibility that a change would be recommended for the election of District Committee members and the Section voted to support the present system, where seven at large members are elected at the convention and each area conducts elections for their direct representatives.

"The next meeting of the Section will be held on Sunday, April 24, 1960 at the THOMPSON home.

"After the meeting, LULU MAE THOMPSON made arrangements with LILLIAN RANSOME to go North on Sunday, February 7, 1960 to report on the National Convention. LILLIAN is to try to get all the Party members from that area to be present.

(SIGNED)

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/25/60 and could furnish no
additional information.

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ACTION: File.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 2/24/60

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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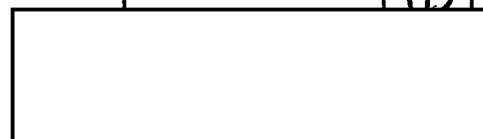
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FROM : SAC, [REDACTED]

RE : [REDACTED]
PBI

Reurairtel 2/26/60.

Informants contacted 3/3/60 and advised no difficulty
in obtaining [REDACTED] Letter not received from PGT as
yet. [REDACTED] should be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not know identity of informants in this area. It
appears that she may be laboring under false apprehension as to
people actually able to help her with this transfer.

Use discretion to protect our informants here.

③ [REDACTED]
(1) [REDACTED] SF 1604-S)

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CITY San Francisco, CaliforniaDATE February 29, 1960

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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Ass'tSan Francisco[redacted]
[redacted]
for information concerning the case entitledCP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

See attached [redacted]

Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

Approved: R. D. AuerbachSAC TS

Informant's File No. [redacted]

By Whom [redacted]

Robert F. Savage
[redacted]

Office Memorandum
United States Government

TO : SAC, SF (100-11889) DATE : 3/9/60

FROM : SA JOSEPH F. SMITH

RE : CP, USA;
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
IS-C

Typewritten report
re 2nd session
Northern Calif. Dist.
conv. of CP held
2/27-28/60 at St.
Geo. Hall, Oakland,
Calif.

2/29/60 SA J. F.
SMITH

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Set forth verbatim on subsequent pages of this memo is a report by [] re the above-captioned affair. Informant has reviewed the report and has signed it.

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February 29, 1960

The second session of the Northern California District Convention of the Communist Party (CP) was held on February 27 and 28, 1960 at St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

The Saturday session of the convention started at approximately 2:00 p.m. after the registration of delegates. ARCHIE BROWN opened the convention by proposing JUANITA WHEELER as Chairman of the first session. This was approved by the delegates and BROWN went on to point out that the resolutions on trade union activities, agriculture and peace would be taken care of since these had been left over from the first session of the convention.

MICKEY LIMA, the Northern California District Chairman of the CP, was introduced and he gave his report which dealt with the 17th National Convention of the CP and its decision to end Factionalism. He pointed out that united leadership by the CP would result in victories in the 1960 elections and great possibilities for the Party. He stated that the CP could move on such issues as the "Landrum-Griffin-Kennedy Bill" by proposing questions to the various candidates for public office in such a way that they would take a favorable stand on the various issues. He pointed out that the Party's responsibility would also be to organize the Negroes, the small farmers and the people employed in industry. He stated one of the principal objectives would be to get a program adopted which would effectively thwart the "Dixiecrats", the main idea being to put pressure on the Democratic Party to break away from "Dixiecrat" control, and by such a move they could then have some effect on the Democratic Party to push for civil rights and other peace issues.

LIMA pointed out that the 17th National Convention of the CP took place in a period of relaxed world tensions and that the CP was following its program with this in mind. He pointed out that the Party could look for inspiration to the Negro liberation movement, the liberation movement in the colonialist countries throughout the world and the recent success of the liberation movement in South America. He pointed out that the

Party had seen great advances made in the 1958 elections in California and how labor groups had strengthened their positions in California in the 1958 elections by their resounding defeat of the "Right to Work" proposition.

LIMA also talked about the AFL-CIO convention held in San Francisco and how a rift had occurred between the AFL President GEORGE MEANY and A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, Vice-President AFL-CIO and President of the Sleeping Car Porters Union. He stated that as a result of the rift Negro Councils were being set up all over the country by RANDOLPH. He stated that this offered excellent prospects for the Party and pointed out that a mass demonstration and march on both the Democratic and Republican Party conventions during the period of their conventions would be undertaken. LIMA stated that this would be under the leadership of RANDOLPH but it would be the Party's task to support this mass demonstration.

He then talked of the importance of the club chairmen in Party life as it was their responsibility to keep the clubs active and to see that dues were collected.

RALPH IZARD, a member of the San Francisco County Committee, CP, suggested that people contact him so that he could have a group check the Registrar of Voter's Office in San Francisco and determine in which precincts the greatest number of the 32,000 votes cast for ARCHIE BROWN in his campaign for Supervisor were made. He pointed out that when they determine this concentration they can determine/what congregational districts they have the greatest strength that can be used by the Party.

[redacted] of the Maritime Club, in commenting on club life, pointed out that the clubs should return to the practice of allotting one-half of each club meeting to write to Congress, Governors, and so forth on any current issues that the Party is interested in at that time.

[redacted] of the "People's World" (PW) staff then gave a report on the PW newspaper. He spoke of his experiences while traveling in behalf of the PW and then went on to tell how the comrades originally loaned sums of money to the PW and during the past year the PW had been able to pay off 28% of these loans. He talked of the PW's plan for expansion, stating that the paper would go from a 12-page paper to a 16-page paper by Labor Day; that while this would increase their costs \$6,500, he felt it would offer them an opportunity to do important feature articles.

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He stated that AL RICHMOND, Editor of the PW, will be sent to Cuba to accumulate news and articles for the Paper and that he will also visit other places in Latin America so as to give the PW broader coverage.

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[] then introduced a resolution on youth matters, urging that the CP concentrate on the youth as this is the place to build the Party. He stated that a 10% increase in membership by the time of this convention had not been reached but that new member classes had been started and more are being opened up especially for young people.

BILLIE WACHTER, Organizational Secretary of the Alameda County CP, urged the comrades to make youth the Party's main concentration. He pointed to a demonstration recently held in San Francisco where Negroes established a picket line in front of Kress' Five and Ten Cent Store protesting the refusal of lunch counters in the South to serve Negroes. She stated that the Party's youth immediately participated in this picket line and pointed this out as a way to obtain recruits and to engage in Party activity.

A resolution on agriculture which had been held over from the first session of this convention was introduced and many delegates spoke on how Mexican help had lowered the standards of American workers and urged that the CP establish a Commission to study this matter.

DOROTHY HEALY, Chairman of the CP in Southern California, stated that the CP clubs in Southern California were in about the same status as the clubs in Northern California; that club life was healthy and she regretted that things were not exactly the same as they were in the 1930s where the Party could actively throw up picket lines and engage in skirmishes. She recalled how even some of the women attending the convention had during the 1930s jumped on police who were sent against them with teargas bombs.

The convention then adjourned to caucus in groups from the San Francisco, Alameda County and the outlying county areas for the purpose of nominating members of the District Committee.

Following LIMA's talk, it was announced that LIMA's report would be mimeographed and distributed to all clubs.

Following the opening of Sunday's session of the convention, ROSCOE PROCTOR, a newly elected member of the National Convention of the CP, read the resolution on the Negro question. He stated that he wanted to digress from the main line of the resolution as they felt that they would have to incorporate other items in this resolution before it is finally adopted. He stated that the articles that had just appeared in the local press which show the atrocities being committed in the South against the Negro people were causing quite a few comments. He then passed out pictures that had appeared in the local press, telling how the pictures showing a white man beating a Negro girl with a baseball bat was typical of what was occurring at this time. He stated that their information was that the man wielding the baseball bat was one of the members of the segregation committee that had been set up in that area. He offered an amendment that supplements be put out by the PW newspaper in support of the mass demonstration and march on the Democratic and Republican conventions and to point up these atrocities that are occurring in the South. Some of the women delegates wept openly upon viewing the clippings from the local newspapers. The motion was passed unanimously and AL RICHMOND pointed out that the PW would need an order for at least 2,000 copies. The various club representatives pledged to take varying amounts of the paper.

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Following lunch, ARCHIE BROWN announced that the next speaker would be GUS HALL, the General Secretary of the CP, and the one man who has done so much to re-unit the CP. He stated that the 8 visitors to the convention who were principally ex-CP members would have to sit in a special section during the talk. These visitors included some of the AFL members who were accused of Factionalism, such as [redacted] one of this group, got up and left the convention.

GUS HALL began his talk by discussing the 17th National Convention of the CP; how it was a great success for the Party, and how the decision was made to do away with Factionalism and unite the Party on a solid base. He stated by uniting the Party the Party could move ahead in many fields. He pointed out that many of our lessons could be learned from the Chinese, who have

a saying that you must move forward on both legs. He stated that one of the legs of the Party was the group that had engaged in Factionalism and Factionalism must come to an end. This is a mandate to the membership. He stated that the second leg that the Party needed was to have the former comrades who had resigned come back to the Party, and each comrade must cleanse himself of Factionalism. HALL pointed out that all personal interests must be placed aside and every decision must be placed in the hands of the leadership so that they could achieve the goals of the 17th convention. HALL pointed out that this is a big decision for Party members to arrive at. He stated that it must be done even if it means that the dictates of the leadership will cause you to lose your best friend. He stated that Party members must capitulate to the leadership and they should not engage in such things as sticking by their friends just so they will not be let down. HALL pointed out that even to go "cross-grain" to the leadership of the Party will be considered Factionalism.

He pointed out that the Party has always had long-range objectives and that if the comrades are wondering what our long-range objective is at the present time it is not socialism but actually to unseat the present government which has a grip on the nation. HALL pointed out that just a small group of financiers have a death grip on the entire resources and abilities of this nation. He pointed out that if something were to come up which would stop production of missiles or something of a similar nature it would immediately effect this little group of financiers and through their control of Congress they are able to make the Government take any action they want. HALL stated that the Party's objective was to break this monopoly of the State and the military. He stated that the answer was for every comrade to play the vanguard role in breaking down this monopolistic control and then they could obtain their main objective before reaching the ultimate objective of socialism.

He also talked how big business monopolies operate in the coal mine areas of Pennsylvania and other States and how the human beings working in these mines are without schools and roads and have to regularly live on beans and potatoes all because of these monopolies.

HALL discussed the elimination of the tax system, stating that the principal taxes are forced on the people and not on the monopoly and that the monopolies are getting all the Government contracts as they control the people giving out the contracts and how scandal and corruption are kept secret by these same groups. HALL was given a standing ovation.

MICKEY LIMA then continued his report and discussed the Factionalist situation in regard to the AFL Section in San Francisco. He pointed out that the District Committee had felt that they must point up and eliminate all evidence of Factionalism and that following the National Convention they proposed that they accept the conventions decisions. The District Committee then asked the San Francisco County Committee for permission to handle the AFL Factionalist dispute. The San Francisco County Committee agreed and he stated he did not want to discuss all the issues on this or what everyone said inasmuch as it would tend to divide those present, but that as a result it had been decided that both the Factionalist comrades and the District Committee had been wrong on certain issues. He stated he wanted to entertain a simple motion to resolve the decisions and bring the AFL clubs back into full-fledged status in the Party.

[redacted] violently opposed such a motion, stating that the District Committee had no right to reverse the decision of the County Committee and that these comrades be brought to trial.

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A vote was taken and the motion to accept the AFL clubs back into the CP was passed with only three dissenting votes.

ARCHIE BROWN announced that the District Committee would be composed of 30 members, including a chairman.

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 76 registered delegates present at the convention, 13 alternate delegates, of which 57 were male and 32 female.

The representation, based on the number of paid up comrades, was as follows:

San Francisco	30
East Bay	20
Sonoma	6
Marin	5
Humboldt	1
Santa Clara	5
Sacramento	7

The breakdown of the number of years in the Party was as follows:

Over 5 years	7
6 - 10 years	10
11 - 15 years	17
16 - 20 years	13
Over 20 years	42, with 1 charter member

The chairmen of the various clubs present were contacted and given a questionnaire which was in the form of a letter from GUS HALL, containing greetings and asked a number of questions concerning the makeup of the individual clubs. These concerned themselves with the number of people who attend CP meetings, how often they attend, how often the club meets, the type of club, and the breakdown as to nationalities, etc.

[redacted] advised that the following individuals were present at the convention and he identified them either through previous knowledge of their identity or through photographs taken at the convention. He advised that he could not be certain which of the individuals attended both days, except that he recalls that [redacted] and his friend attended only the Sunday session:

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GUS HALL



DOROTHY HEALY (LA)



HARRY KRAMER
LEE KUTNICK



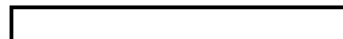
MICKEY LIMA



PETTIS PERRY
ROSCOE PROCTOR
VIRGINIA PROCTOR



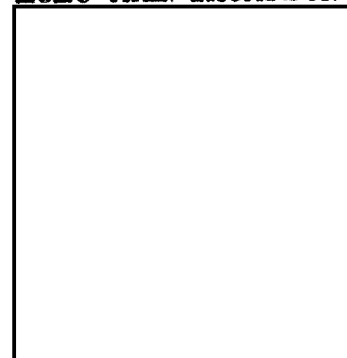
LILLIAN RANSOME
AL RICHMOND



WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN



HOWARD THOMPSON
LULU MAE THOMPSON



The following individuals took an active part in some of the convention activities:

JUANITA WHEELER acted as chairman for the first session; JULIA SANDY acted as Secretary; ARCHIE BROWN gave a report; MICKEY LIMA gave the District report; RALPH IZARD suggested that people who would be able to help submit their names to him so that they could review the voting registration records in the City of San Francisco to determine in what areas the greatest concentration of the 32,000 votes received by ARCHIE BROWN in his candidacy for Supervisor in the San Francisco City elections were located; [redacted] spoke on club-life, indicating that dues were important and advocated that a half-hour of club meetings be allocated for the comrades to write to their Congressmen, etc., on any issue that was current at the time; [redacted] spoke on his experiences while traveling for the PW; [redacted] and [redacted] both spoke on youth work; [redacted] opposed the District Committee's recommendation that a trial not be held for the members accused of factionalism; [redacted] stated he was in agreement with the District Committee on the method of handling the factionalists; [redacted] passed out the questionnaire on club activities to the various San Francisco club chairmen in attendance.

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Attached to the original informant report are photographs of material received at the District Convention. One is a memo on District Organization; a letter to all club chairmen from GUS HALL; copy of the questionnaire attached to the GUS HALL letter to club chairmen, which in the upper right-hand corner carries the number and designation of the individual clubs; copy of press release entitled "Appeal to the Conscience of People" issued by GUS HALL, which urges medical parole for HENRY WINSTON, a leader of the CP.

Also attached to the original informant report is the following literature passed out at the convention: Throw-away leaflet advertising 10th annual PW staff party, Fri., 3/11/60 at 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco; mimeographed leaflet entitled "Resolution on the People's World"; 6-page mimeographed leaflet entitled "Report to the District Convention on Carrying Out the National Convention's Resolution on the Negro Question"; 3-page leaflet (mimeographed) entitled "Resolution on Farm Labor."

RECOMMENDATION: All necessary action has been taken.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 3/16/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP, N. CALIF. DISTRICT
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DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] N. Calif. District CP 3/1/60 [REDACTED]
Convention on 2/27-28/60
and the following documents:

1. Statement by GUS HALL
2. Resolution on People's World
3. Memo on District Organization
4. Report on the Negro Question

The following report submitted by [REDACTED] concerning the
above documented activity has been reviewed by the informant who
authenticated the report on 3/2/60 and stated he recalls no
additional pertinent information regarding this activity.

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(MICKEY LIMA)
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)

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100-36101 [REDACTED]
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100-34639 [REDACTED]
100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
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"San Francisco, California
March 1, 1960

"NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AT ST. GEORGE HALL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 27 AND 28, 1960.

"This Convention convened at 12:40 PM, Saturday, February 27, 1960, with about ninety people present. Among those present I recognized the following or knew they were present from response to their names:

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(Saturday only)

GUS HALL
DOROTHY HEALY

ARCHIE BROWN

MICKEY LIMA
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

ROSCOE PROCTOR

LILLIAN RANSOME
DELL BERG

LULA MAE THOMPSON
HOWARD THOMPSON

HARRY KRAMER

AL RICHMOND

I can not be certain that each of the above attended both days of the convention.

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"JUANITA WHEELER was elected Chairman of the first session and JULIA SANDY was elected Secretary of the Convention.

"The agenda was presented and adopted. Committees on Resolutions and Credentials were chosen.

"The principal report to the Convention was made by MICKEY LIMA who spoke for about an hour and 15 minutes. He discussed several proposed resolutions including Resolutions on Trade Unions, Peace, Agriculture and Youth.

"ARCHIE BROWN made a report on leadership. He proposed that two youth members be elected to the Northern California District Committee with the understanding that such members are to serve two full years before they are allowed full membership.

"These reports were followed by discussion of resolutions with various people speaking for short periods on one or another resolution.

"SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1960

"The Sunday morning session began at 10:15 AM with 76 regular delegates, 13 alternate delegates and 7 visitors present. The breakdown on the 76 delegates as to years in the Party is as follows:

"5 years in Party - 7 delegates
6 to 10 years in Party - 10 delegates
11 to 15 years in Party - 17 delegates
20 years in Party - 42 delegates

"The first item on the agenda was a report on the "Peoples World" (PW) made by GEORGE SANDY. He said the primary purpose in the next year is to increase the paper from 12 pages to 16 pages and this would cost \$6,500.00 annually. He said the PW plans to run supplements on Dr. DU BOIS' tour to Europe and Asia. The PW will also send AL RICHMOND to Cuba and Latin American countries to write feature articles on conditions in those countries. Another aim is to make the PW a national paper rather than just a paper for the West Coast. This will be accomplished through new features and special articles on such subjects as the "Growing Struggle of the Negro People"; Capital Punishment; and other educational topics.

"The next item was a report on Youth by [REDACTED] He stated that Youth is concerned with wars, jobs, housing, education and job training. He said it is the job of the Party to project these issues before the public and to fight for these issues to

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the end that the Youth of today will be more secure and will be assured of decent housing and will be prepared for a trade or job.

"On each of the above topics, there were several who made additional remarks.

"The next item was a discussion of the Resolution on Agriculture. The speaker said that 80% of the large farms are owned by the Banks, Insurance companies and that in the 140 to (figure not recalled) days worked by the farm laborers, these laborers averaged from \$300.00 to \$1700.00 a year. The speaker said it is the job of the Party to organize these farm workers and see that they get good wages.

"The next discussion involved the Resolution on the Negro Question which was led by ROSCOE PROCTOR. He reported that a lot of work had been done preparing this resolution at the National Convention and that the resulting resolution is one of the best ever to come out of any convention. He said it seeks to fight for first class citizenship for the Negro through providing equality in education, socially and economically and a general upgrading of conditions for these underprivileged people. PROCTOR asked that every eligible craft send delegates to Detroit in July and that whenever possible, additional moral support be given to the Negro students in the South. After he finished, 12 additional people spoke on this topic.

"The afternoon session began with an address by GUS HALL, National Chairman. He made a very good speech. He said there were many topic he could discuss and that he would like to discuss but that the one thing that keeps coming up was factionalism. Therefore he was going to talk about this problem of the Party. He said that wherever factionalism has cropped up it must be done away with. He said that people involved in factionalism will be welcomed back into the Party provided they will agree not to do anything in the future in a factional manner and to agree to abide by the decisions of the majority. The people in this District involved in factionalism have agreed to these provisions. The question of closing the factionalist disputes in the AFL Section in San Francisco and any other similar matters was put to a vote and carried. Only three votes were opposed and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN abstained from voting.

"HALL also said that the immediate objective of the Party should be to help the Democratic Party rid itself of Dixiecrats and assist the liberal elements to obtain control. Thereby, the CP can work within the Democratic Party to prevent further development of impliments of war, can promote peace and can eventually achieve a socialist form of government in the United States.

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"The Committee on Elections asked that the District Committee be increased to 30 members to permit the addition on one agricultural worker and two Youth members, the youth to serve two years before being admitted to full membership. Numbers were used in balloting. I was not present to obtain the results of election of officers.

"Resolutions were passed to send birthday greetings to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER; another resolution to wish HENRY WINSTON a speedy recovery; and also resolutions on capital punishment, women's commission, agriculture, and Party organization.

/s/ [redacted]

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"The informant also furnished one copy of each of the following documents obtained by him at this Convention and these items are filed as attachments with this informant report in [redacted]

1. A two page mimeographed statement by GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, entitled "AN APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF PEOPLE". This is a plea for the public to support the efforts of HENRY WINSTON to obtain a medical parole.

2. A one page mimeographed "MEMO ON DISTRICT ORGANIZATION" which proposes a combination District and County organization with county committees retained in San Francisco and East Bay, the formation of District sub-committees in labor, youth, Negro, legislative, peace, and agriculture. Also proposed that either the District Chairman or District Secretary should be present at each meeting of any County Committee which is retained.

3. A two page mimeographed "RESOLUTION ON THE PEOPLE'S WORLD".

4. A six page mimeographed "REPORT TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON CARRYING OUT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION'S RESOLUTION ON THE NEGRO QUESTION".

RECOMMENDATION: Necessary action including Cinals has been taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: 3/11/60

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/24/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/22/60, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held at Lathrop, California on 2/20/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 22, 1960

"A meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Saturday evening, February 20, 1960. The following people attended the meeting:

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CC:

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

100-31446 [redacted]

97-27 (PW)

100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

100-25539 (CP BRIEF)

100-27418 (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)

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"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

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"HOWARD THOMPSON called on LULU MAE THOMPSON for a brief report on the National Convention and on the last two meetings of the District Committee. This was followed by a discussion of the fund drive for the People's World and the Club agreed to accept a quota of \$75.00.

"HOWARD KEYLOR announced that a new Peace group has been formed in Stockton and they will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening, February 23, 1960 at the [redacted] home at [redacted].

"KEYLOR also reported that the FBI had paid a visit to [redacted] former wife, [redacted]. They told her that [redacted] had asked to become a member of the Communist Party and had been turned down because he had signed the loyalty oath when he took the job he is now on. Since this fact was known to only five or six people it led to a discussion of security measures and to where the information "leaked" to the FBI.

"HOWARD THOMPSON will replace HOWARD KEYLOR as the delegate to the District Convention on Saturday, February 27th, because HOWARD KEYLOR has to attend a Peace Workshop in Stockton on that day.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/24/60 that the Peace meeting referred to in this report is a meeting of the American Friends Service Committee (QUAKERS). Informant further advised that [redacted] is not connected with the CP.

ACTION: Return serial on [redacted] to writer.

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United States Government

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

FROM : SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER

SUBJECT : *SF-1604-S*
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Date: 3/18/60

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On 3/1/60, [REDACTED] advised SA CHESTER L. JACOBY that on 2/27/60 he attended the 1st session of the Northern California District CP Convention which was held at St. George Hall, 2436 Grove St., Oakland, California.

The surveillance and photo logs pertaining to this convention, along with the original negatives of the photos taken on 2/27/60, are located in 100-11889-JJ-1A-(111-112).

The above-captioned Subject was observed by SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER to enter the St. George Hall on 2/27/60 and ~~3~~ photos of this Subject ~~and~~ being placed in the Exhibit envelope of this Subject's case file.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: MAR 17 1960

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/24/60, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/22/60, concerns a CP Northern California District Committee meeting held at San Francisco, California, 2/20/60. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report of the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"February 22, 1960

"The District Committee of the Communist Party, of Northern California held a meeting on Saturday, February 20, 1960 in the offices of the People's World in San Francisco. The meeting was attended by the following people:

"MICKIE LIMA
"ROSCOE PROCTOR
"AL RICHMOND
"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
[redacted]

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- 1 - 100-9884 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-45643 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
- 1 - 100-25426 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-42525 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-34639 [redacted]
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"BILL SCHNEIDERMAN

"The meeting was opened at about 10:30 am by the District Chairman, MICKIE LIMA. He proposed a three point agenda: District Leadership, District Organization and the factional situation and how to present it the District Convention. He had the following proposals to make on District organization:

- "1. The first session of the District Convention set up sub-committees on labor, youth, Negro, legislative, peace and agricultural workers and he proposed that these be retained as permanent commissions and function on a District Scale, consulting with District and County Committees, to work out suitable forms of work with respect to the needs of the commission and their areas of work. They will assist in the formulation of policy as well as its execution, giving direction to those carrying out the work in the respective fields.
- "2. That the East Bay and San Francisco County Committees be maintained with a chairman and/or Secretary to coordinate the work in these areas.
- "3. That the Party work toward having a second full time person, to direct the life and activities of the Party, its ideological and educational content and the mass work of the Clubs.
- "4. That the District Chairman or the District Secretary attend all meetings of the San Francisco and East Bay County Committees.

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"LIMA had prepared a second document on leadership and in it he proposed the organization of classes in leadership, because many of those formally in leadership have left the Party for one reason or another. In connection with these classes he stated he had talked to [redacted] and he is preparing some proposals on this idea. This document also proposed the District Committee be enlarged to 25 members and that the District Chairman be elected separate from the District Committee. He suggested that the Rules and Nominating Committee which functioned at the first half of the Convention be enlarged to process nominations for District Committee and District Chairman at the second session of the Convention and that this committee process all nominations and then recommend a list of nominees, with all offices to be filled by vote of the convention.

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section had voted to recommend that the former manner of electing District leadership be retained where a part of the District Committee was elected at the Convention, but the larger part was elected by the area being represented. After a great deal of discussion, those present agreed that the Valley Section could elect their representatives by direct referendum if they insisted, but that all others would be elected by the Convention.

"MICKIE LIMA reported that a meeting was held with the factional grouping in The Bay area on Saturday, February 13th and there were about 40 people present. He said the District had been represented by himself, CLARENCE HATHAWAY, [redacted] and [redacted] and one other person he did not name. He stated there were about 12 persons who were probably not actually supporters of the faction and the rest were definitely factionalists. [redacted] and [redacted] were among those present. The outcome of the meeting was a vote to dissolve their Executive Board and to call this meeting their final one. LIMA then proposed to the District Committee that a special meeting be held on Friday night, February 26th with [redacted] and [redacted] appearing to have their work "characterize and a statement prepared for the District Convention.

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"At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that MICKIE, [redacted] should contact [redacted] and [redacted] on Sunday, February 21st at the home of [redacted] and would discuss with them the question of appearing before the District Committee. The District Committee will then meet on Friday night, the 26th, and will also discuss the question of capital punishment and what proposals should be made to the District Convention.

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" /s/ [redacted]
" [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/26/60, and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: Return serial on [redacted] to writer for identification.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

FROM : SA CHESTER L. JACOBY

SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. CP
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DATE: 3/16/60

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DOCUMENTATION:

[] N. Calif. Dist. CP 3/1/60
Convention, 2/27,28/60 []

The following report submitted by [] concerning the above documented activity has been reviewed by the informant who authenticated the report on 3/2/60 and stated he recalls no additional pertinent information regarding this activity.

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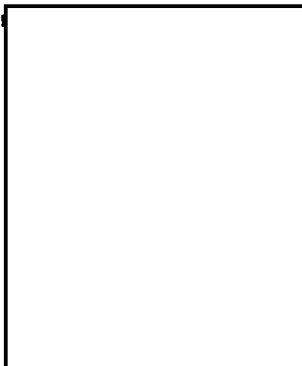
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"San Francisco, California
March 1, 1960

"NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY AT ST. GEORGE HALL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ON SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 27 and 28, 1960.

"This Convention convened at 12:40 PM, Saturday, February 27,
1960, with about ninety people present. Among those present I
recognized the following or know they were present from response
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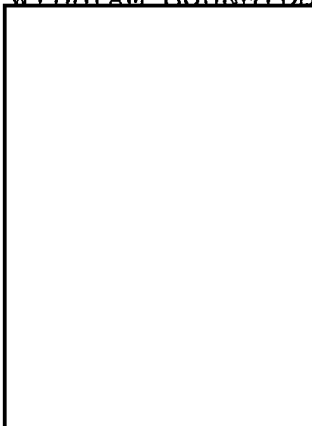


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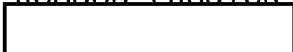
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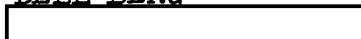
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"I can not be certain that each of the above attended both
days of the convention.

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"JUANITA WHEELER was elected Chairman of the first session and JULIA SANDY was elected Secretary of the Convention.

"The agenda was presented and adopted. Committees on Resolutions and Credentials were chosen.

"The principal report to the Convention was made by MICKEY LIMA who spoke for about an hour and 15 minutes. He discussed several proposed resolutions including Resolutions on Trade Unions, Peace, Agriculture and Youth.

[redacted] made a report on leadership. He proposed that two youth members be elected to the Northern California District Committee with the understanding that such members are to serve two full years before they are allowed full membership.

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"These reports were followed by discussion of resolutions with various people speaking for short periods on one or another resolution.

"SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1960

"The Sunday morning session began at 10:15 AM with 76 regular delegates, 13 alternate delegates and 7 visitors present. The breakdown on the 76 delegates as to years in the Party is as follows:

"5 years in Party - 7 delegates
6 to 10 years in Party - 10 delegates
11 to 15 years in Party - 17 delegates
20 years in Party - 42 delegates

"The first item on the agenda was a report on the "Peoples Work (PW) made by [redacted]. He said the primary purpose in the next year is to increase the paper from 12 pages to 16 pages and this would cost \$6,500.00 annually. He said the PW plans to run suppliments on Dr. DUBOIS' tour to Europe and Asia. The PW will also send AL RICHMOND to Gba and Latin American countries to write feature articles on conditions in those countries. Another aim is to make the PW a national paper rather than just a paper for the West Coast. This will be accomplished through new features and special articles on such subjects as the "Growing Struggle of the Negro People"; Capital Punishment; and other educational topics

"The next item was a report on Youth by [redacted]. He stated that Youth is concerned with wars, jobs, housing, education and job training. He said it is the job of the Party to project these issues before the public and to fight for these issues to the end that the Youth of today will be more secure and will be assured of decent housing and will be prepared for a trade or job.

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"On each of the above topics, there were several who made additional remarks.

"The next item was a discussion of the Resolution on Agriculture. The speaker said that 80% of the large farms are owned by the Banks, Insurance companies and that in the 140 to (figure not recalled) days worked by the farm laborers, these laborers averaged from \$300.00 to \$1700.00 a year. The speaker said it is the job of the Party to organize these farm workers and see that they get good wages.

"The next discussion involved the Resolution on the Negro Question which was led by ROSCOE PROCTOR. He reported that a lot of work had been done preparing this resolution at the National Convention and that the resulting resolution is one of the best ever to come out of any convention. He said it seeks to fight for first class citizenship for the Negro through providing equality in education, socially and economically and a general upgrading of conditions for these underprivileged people. PROCTOR asked that every eligible craft send delegates to Detroit in July and that whenever possible, additional moral support be given to the Negro students in the South. After he finished, 12 additional people spoke on this topic.

"The afternoon session began with an address by GUS HALL, National Chairman. He made a very good speech. He said there were many topic he could discuss and that he would like to discuss but that the one thing that keeps coming up was factionalism. Therefore he was going to talk about this problem of the Party. He said that wherever factionalism has cropped up it must be done away with. He said that people involved in factionalism will be welcomed back into the Party provided they will agree not to do anything in the future in a factional manner and to agree to abide by the decisions of the majority. The people in this District involved in factionalism have agreed to these provisions. The question of closing the factionalist disputes in the AFL Section in San Francisco and any other similar matters was put to a vote and carried. Only three votes were opposed and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN abstained from voting.

"HALL also said that the immediate objective of the Party should be to help the Democratic Party rid itself of Dixiecrats and assist the liberal elements to obtain control. Thereby, the CP can work within the Democratic Party to prevent further development of impliments of war, can promote peace and can eventually achieve a socialist form of government in the United States.

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"The Committee on Elections asked that the District Committee be increased to 30 members to permit the addition on one agricultural worker and two Youth members, the youth to serve two years before being admitted to full membership. Numbers were used in balloting. I was not present to obtain the results of election of officers.

"Resolutions were passed to send birthday greetings to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER; another resolution to wish HENRY WINSTON a speedy recovery; and also resolutions on capital punishment, women's commission, agriculture, and Party organization.

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RECOMMENDATION: All required action has been taken. File as indicated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 3/22/60

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (11889) DATE: 3/29/60
FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON
SUBJECT: CP NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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The following is a written report from informant
of a meeting of the District Convention held 2/27-28/60:

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"Northern Calif. Dist. Convention
of the Communist Party 2 half
Feb. 27th & 28th 1960

"The 2nd half of the Northern Calif. District Convention
was held at St. Georges Hall on Grove St. in Oakland on
Saturday afternoon Feb. 27 and all day Sunday Feb 28th 1960.

"GUS HALL addressed the convention. He stressed that
the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party unified
the party. He stressed that no factionalism will be tolerated
anymore. San Francisco, he said, seemed to be a city of serious
contridictions. There is a strong labor and peace movement but

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a very high rate of suicide and alcoholism. The communist party must show the way to these people. He stated that one can't drown capitalism in "Green River" or throw it over the Golden Gate Bridge.

"He stressed the new writer of the Party and Party leadership what, he said is the objective for which we (the Party) are struggling. America is in the complete grip of monopoly Capitalism and the military. This grip must be broken. How will it be broken? Then what kind of government will we have? It will not be socialist but will nationalize industry. He mentioned basic problems that an interim government could not solve such as peace and disarmament. He emphasized that the communist party must again become a party of the poor. He mentioned automation and what will the government do about it. Also what can we expect from continuation of the government as is. More taxes, mostly on the..... He discussed the 2 party system and a third party. The Party is going to try to become an official political party again. He mentioned that a write-in campaign is being considered. He said that in the '60 elections any progressive labor and Negro movement in either party must have a grass roots origin and organization. He mentioned that the policies of concentration of the Party do not include the area of the poor but there is a beginning. He stressed that the United States is being successfully challenged by world socialism.

"MICKEY LIMA gave a report on rebuilding of the Party and the Press. He stated that the Party is back in business. The district committee is a stable core of leadership. That of 19 members (it has now enlarged) eleven are in industry. The factional situation is now under control. Comrades with various viewpoints will have a chance to advance them. Comrades with problems will be able to discuss them with all district committee. There are now two recruiting classes in San Francisco and that teachers can be provided for others. He said that some form of Marxist institute of a public character is being planned.

"There was some discussion of the old factionalism situation in the Bay area. Frankly it is too confusing for me to make head or tail of. [] said that ending factionalism in the Party is of first consideration. Someone named [] made a very angry speech. He said that an analysis

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of the factional situation is necessary. He criticized GUS HALL saying that HALL was demanding "blind confidence" in Party leadership. [redacted] said the way to wipe out factionalism is to lay it on the table at the proper time and place. He thinks there should be time at every meeting for any criticism to be discussed.

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[redacted] gave a report on the Peoples World. He said that the paper is moving forward again even though there has been a slight reduction in circulation. He wants to try to raise an additional \$6500.00 so that by next labor day the paper can be enlarged from 12 to 16 pages. He stated that the content has been improved, that there is to be a series of articles by different writers more and better Latin America coverage, more regional news and more youth news. He said the readers of the paper are the 1st line of attack in the fight to build the circulation. He said the paper must be used as an instrument for education and united front. It must be used in youth work and peace work. He said that youth feels that socialist countries are getting ahead of capitalist countries. He mentioned giving a copy of the P.W. to a young airman to whom he had given a lift. He said that quite a few people asked him if it would not get the airman into trouble. He said that that is the wrong approach to the paper. The paper is not illegal but is sometimes treated as if it is even by its readers. The only answer to this is an increased circulation. The drive for \$62,500.00 must be furnished by July 4th if the paper is to be enlarged. He said that last year \$25,000.00 extra was collected and much of it was used to reduce old personal debts.

[redacted] (last name?) mentioned that the paper did not have good coverage in China.

[redacted] said that the youth program for the state is dying out because of lack of funds. The clubs are to consider the problem of youth work very seriously.

[redacted] reported that the small farmers are against unionization of the agricultural workers. [redacted] (red hair from near Marysville) said she was having some success with her union work in that area.

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"Some general suggestions were:

"To keep dues up
To write letters to politicians at every meeting
pro or con something
District to appoint a somans comission

Allocate representation on varrious com issions
on a 2-2-3 basis instead of 2-2-1 - 2 from east bay - 2 from
San Francisco and 1 each from each outlying district, Santa
Clara, Marin and the Valley.

"Policies adopted

"Factionalism - It must come to an end - a mandate to
leadership - every vestige must be destroyed.

"All comrades are to try to get those who left back
into the party again.

"Every club is to consider how to help the Negros
in their fight to be 1st class citizens.

Resolutions passed

"To support the line of the National convention on
the electoral struggle.

"Immediate parole for WINSTON.

"Organize district peace commission.

"Stop captial punishment

"It was announced that the next national committee
meeting will be held in Chicago - this was applauded and some
one remarked that maybe some Nat. meetings will be held on the
west coast.

"DOROTHY HEALLY also addressed the convention stressed
the point of party meeting and that the only rivalry between the
south and the north will be in recruiting.

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"On Saturday afternoon it was moved to invite Party members who were not delegates to attend Sunday afternoon at 1:30 when GUS HALL was to talk.

Those attending whose names I know were

[redacted]
[redacted] LILLA MAE THOMPSON and her husband,
[redacted] AL RICHMOND [redacted] (?),
[redacted] DEL from San Joaquin
(agriculture worker) LILLIAN from around Marysville.
[redacted] from Marin - the 2 students [redacted]
[redacted] (She used to go around with [redacted] when he would attend
security meeting). [redacted] from east bay, [redacted] (of
Foreign born co.) The very small woman who is just about a
dwarf. There were 89 delegates and alternates registered on
Saturday and Sunday 76 delegates and 13 alternates.

"/s/ [redacted]

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Informant was questioned concerning those individuals she reported by first names or last name only and photographs made at the convention were shown her. Of these she identified

[redacted]
[redacted]
DELL as DEIMER BERG
LILLIAN as LILLIAN RANSOME
[redacted]

The woman described as "very small woman who is just about a dwarf" she could not identify however, since this description fits that of [redacted] a copy is designated for [redacted] file. The individual she reported as [redacted] she now believes is identical with [redacted] after viewing a photo of [redacted] Copies are being designated for the files of these individuals.

Informant could furnish no further information.

RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

Office Memorandum
United States Government

TO : SAC, SF (100-11889)

DATE : 3/24/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : CP, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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A physical surveillance of St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street, Oakland, California, was conducted on 2/28/60 by SAs [REDACTED]. Informants had reported that Northern California District CP convention would be in session on that date at St. George Hall.

The individual listed below was observed by Agents entering St. George Hall on that date. Surveillance log is filed in 100-11889JJ-1A(113)

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a* Howard Thompson identified by [REDACTED]

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 3/21/60

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Second half of CP State Convention at Oakland, California on 2/27, 28/60	3/12/60	Writer	[redacted]

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Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to writer in person on 3/12/60 and is quoted as follows:

"March 2/1960

"On Saturday & Sunday Feb 27 and 28, 1960, there was a Communist Party Convention at the St George Hall on 25th and Grove St in Oakland Calif.

"HASKELL SMITH was a Delegate of the Fresno C.P. Club. The Convention was started and called to order at 1:30 pm Saturday 27th by ARCHIE BROWN. MICKEY LIMA gave a report on the 17th Convention held in New York.

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"ARCHIE BROWN read the agenda and gave a report on the District Committee. ARCHIE said the Communist Party sparked all the Demonstrations of the Negro people in the south and said the C.P. must take part in all Demonstrations at all kinds and if there is violence take part in that also. ARCHIE said the C.P. must take part in all mass movements of the Negroes, churches and also visit and take part with the Beatniks or any youth group. ARCHIE said any time the Police interfered with the Beatniks the Communist Party must see that the Beatniks protest and hold a demonstration.

"In MICKEY LIMA's report and talk MICKEY said the Youth of this Country was the best group to work with. He said the Youth would move best in Demonstrations. MICKEY said the Communist Party had recruited one hundred youths in to the C.P. and had several more groups that would soon be ready to join the C.P. He also said all C.P. clubs must recruit all old Party members that has dropped out for different reasons.

"GUS HALL General Secretary of the Communist Party U.S.A. gave a talk on what the C.P. is doing and must do. He said we must have a Party with grass roots of a Marx and Lenin Party.

"GUS also said we must go to work and train and educate young members to take leadership in the Party.

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"NALL HARRIS was Chairman Sunday. A negro woman was Chairman Saturday I did not get her name. A man name SAUL was Chairman Sunday afternoon. [] gave a talk on paying dues. [] gave a report on the Peoples World paper. He said it was a Socilliest paper; he said the paper would be changed from 12 pages to 16 pages soon.

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"A Negro by name of ROSCOE gave a report on the Negro movement. He said there would be a Demonstration by the Negro people in July said a carvan would start in the northern part of Calif and go to Los Angeles. AL RICHMOND will also go to Cuba soon and bring back a report on Cuba.

[] gave a report on farm labor and a resolution on farm labor; it passed.

[] gave a report on farm labor; also DEL BERG and LILLIAN RANSOME and HOWARD THOMPSON talked on farm labor.

"The district committee will now have 30 C.P. members instead of 22 members.

"There was 89 people registered at Convention. 76 delegates 13 alt. It was also stated by MICKEY, ARCHIE and GUS HALL that the Communist Party be increased to 10% by 1st of May."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning his report and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 3/21/60

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Discussion relating to filling out CP questionnaire. Also info re [redacted] & husband dropping out of CP.	3/12/60	writer	[redacted]

Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to writer in person on 3/12/60 and which reads as follows:

"March 6, 1960"

"LULA MAE THOMPSON called [redacted] Saturday, March 5, 1960, from Lathrop, California that she was coming to Fresno, Sunday, March 6, 1960 and would call [redacted] of Lindsay to come to her [redacted] house."

cc: 6 - San Francisco

REGISTERED

Husband of [redacted]
(NCD CPUSA 100-11889)
(FARMERS MATTERS 100-27702)

100-56652 (SI)
100-22798 (I)
100-31196 (SI)
100-35873 (SI)
100-48482 (SI)
100-16827 (TULARE COUNTY CP)
100-24348 (FARMERS MATTERS)

105-807-89 p.10
100-28062-2199 p.12
100-28062-406

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"Those present were,

[REDACTED]
LULU MAE & HOWARD THOMPSON,

[REDACTED] and

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"LULU MAE explained that after the convention was over (Feb. 27th & 28th) and most everyone left, they passed out these questionnaires that were to be filled out by each club chairman, and they have to be back in by the 17th of March to the Northern headquarters. The questionnaire was filled out by [REDACTED] from the Fresno Club. The questionnaire asked how long the club chairman had been in the party. [REDACTED] wrote down 30 years. It asked how many members were in Fresno group, how many came once a year, how many came twice a year, how often our club met, what mass activity each member belonged. It asked if the group was please with the way the party was organized and if you have any suggestions write them on separate paper and attach to the questionnaire. BUD DILLON wrote a full sheet, but it was unknown what he wrote.

"LULU MAE gave a report on the 17th Convention being as none of the Tulare County sent delegates to the convention.

"LULU MAE said there would be a farm labor meeting at her place March 20, 1960. She asked that [REDACTED] attend. She also said there would be a Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section meeting at her place sometime in April.. She will let everyone know of the date later.

"P.S. LULU told us of [REDACTED] and her husband dropping out of the party, but she thinks the reason isn't serious. [REDACTED] said they were good friends of his, and if they ever come down, he believes he can persuade them to come back.

"LULU MAE said, headquarters said, that they [REDACTED] & wife) were so pure that they wouldn't asked them why if they wanted to come back."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

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All necessary action in connection with this memo
has been taken by the writer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CP
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DATE: 3/25/60

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DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] Report on District Con- 3/8/60 SA [REDACTED]
vention of CP which was [REDACTED]
held on 2/27/60 in Oakland,
Calif., on Grove Street.

Set forth verbatim is a report by [REDACTED]

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cc:

100-30671 [REDACTED]

100-23999 [REDACTED]

100-14181 [REDACTED]

100-17794 [REDACTED]

100-29939 [REDACTED]

61-525 [REDACTED]

100-10835 [REDACTED]

100-19759 [REDACTED]

100-33836 [REDACTED]

100-27348 [REDACTED]

100-526 [REDACTED]

61-408 (HARRY KRAMER)

100-19829 [REDACTED]

100-22370 [REDACTED]

100-29302 [REDACTED]

100-589 [REDACTED]

100-26849 [REDACTED]

100- [REDACTED]

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100-36055 [REDACTED]

100-36248 [REDACTED]

100-5867 [REDACTED]

(SF 1604-S)

100-3831 (DOROTHY HEALY)

100-31394 (LILLIAN RANSOME)

100-34537 [REDACTED]

100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)

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61-415 (AL RICHMOND)

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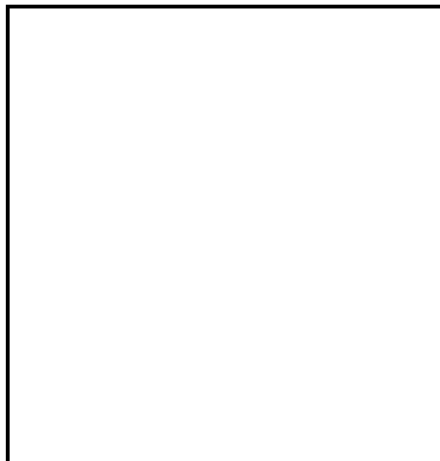
San Francisco, California
March 8, 1960

Report of the District Convention
which was held on February 27, 1960
in Oakland, California on Grove St.

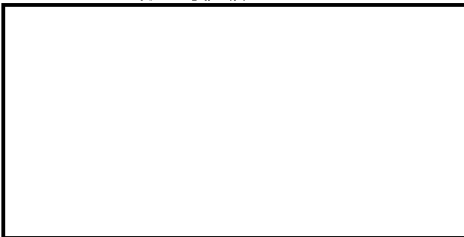
February 27, 1960

The meeting was called together about 1:30 PM Saturday by ARCHIE BROWN, who presented the agenda for the day and asked for the election of a chairman and a secretary for the day's meeting. JUANITA WHEELER was elected chairman and JULIE SANDY was elected secretary.

In all toll there were approximately 85 people present some of whom were the following:





HARRY KRAMER



LULU MAE THOMPSON
HOWARD THOMPSON

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DOROTHY HEALY (From LA)
GUS HALL (from New York)
LILLIAN RANSOME
 ROSCOE PROCTOR
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
AL RICHMOND



The meeting was called to order by the chairman, JUANITA WHEELER, who asked for a report which was given by MICKEY LIMA. The report consisted of the main issues in the draft resolution and other things that were taken care of before the report such as the discharge of certain committees.

MICKEY LIMA's report brought out that the key issues in the 1960 election would be peace, the water issue, capital punishment. He stated that the water issue is the largest bond issue undertaken by the State. He also pointed out that there was a wide-

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spread activity developed around the issue of capital punishment. This is an issue that has already been started by other groups throughout the State and one that the CP should be ready to lend support to. However, he stated peace is the overriding issue. The trade union issue was another one to be aware of. He gave a long drawn out report on each of these issues stating some of the strong points and some of the weak points and pointing out that these issues should give every Party member an opportunity to get in motion and begin to effectuate some of the changes that are to take place around these issues. Discussion followed after the report and each person was limited to five minute speeches on each of these issues. Actually, what they said wasn't so important.

After about two hours of this, there was a ten minute break and we then resumed.

In conclusion of this convention, it was decided that the convention would break up into caucus groups at which time these groups would nominate members for the District Committee. In the beginning of the convention it was pointed out that there were to be elected not more than 24 members to the District Committee and that the convention should elect the entire District Committee. The nominations could be made by both the caucus groups. It was pointed out we should keep in mind that we have a constitutional requirement of two years as far as the youth is concerned, however, the two youths represented at the convention were not eligible for election. However, it was decided that the youth would be elected to the District Convention, but because of the ineligibility of their membership in the Party, would not be allowed to vote.

About 6:30, the convention broke for intercaucus groups for the purpose of nominating members to the District Committee and after which later in the evening committees would hold meetings. The three committees that were not dismissed were the Resolutions Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Presiding Committee. They were scheduled to meet at 8:00 PM.

 has been thoroughly questioned concerning the above, but could furnish no additional pertinent information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

CITY San Francisco, California

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DATE March 31, 1960

Asst
Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

See attached

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Signed: Robert F. Savage
Special Agent

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Approved:

R. D. Auerbach
SAC

Informant's File No.

[Redacted]

By Whom Robert F. Savage

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 4/1/60

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA
IS - C

The following written report as furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/3/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/1/60, concerns a list of those present at the CP Northern California District Convention held at Oakland, California on 2/27-28/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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ccs:

(SF 1604-S)

4-CCs: Los Angeles (REG)

100-56652
100-31196

(PETTIS PERRY)
(DOROTHY HEALY)

100-34275 (GUS HALL)
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)
100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
100-29842 [redacted]
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
100-27288 [redacted]
100-27286 [redacted]
100-27348 [redacted]
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)
100-5867 [redacted]
100-22198 [redacted]
100-23999 [redacted]
100-30647 [redacted]
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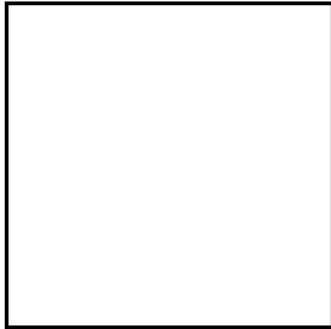
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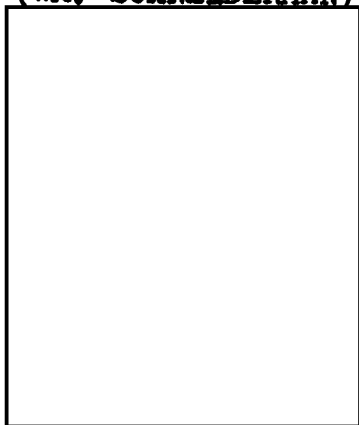
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(WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)

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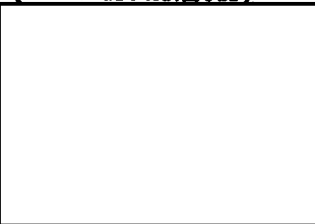


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(HARRY KRAMER)
(LEE KUTNICK)

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 1, 1960

"The following is a list of some of those present at the second session of the Northern California District Convention of the Communist Party, St. George Hall, 24th and Grove Sts., Oakland, California, February 27th and 28th, 1960. Not all persons named attended the full sessions, but were present in the meeting hall for some portion of the convention.

Gus Hall.
Mickie Lima
Dorothy Healy
Pettis Perry
Roscoe Proctor

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[REDACTED]
Al Richmond
[REDACTED]

Lillian Ransome
Howard Thompson
Lulu Mae Thompson
Delmer Berg
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bill Schneiderman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Harry Kramer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From San Francisco, a Scot who speaks
with a distinct burr.

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A charter member of the Party was also present at the Convention from Sonoma County. He came with [REDACTED]

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The Credentials and Balloting Committee reported a total of 89 delegates and alternates and 7 observers registered for the two days. This did not include those who were invited in on Sunday afternoon to hear Gus Hall.

[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed on 3/3/60 and could furnish no additional information.

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Optional Form #10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 4/8/60
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/17/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/14/60, concerns a meeting of the CP, Northern California District Committee held at San Francisco, California, on 3/12/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"REPORT ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 14, 1960

"A meeting of the newly elected District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California was held in the offices of the 'People's World' on Saturday, March 12, 1960.

36-San Francisco

1-(100-11889) (CP, USA)

1-[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

1-(65-1242) (MICKIE LIMA)

1-(61-415) (AL RICHMOND)

1-(100-29842) [redacted]

1-(100-25215) (ROSCOE PROCTOR)

1-(100-17111)

1-(101-120)

1-(100-4524)

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1-(61-525)

1-(100-36248)

1-(100-21889)

1-(100-26621)

1-(100-589)

1-(97-26) (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)

1-(100-34639) [redacted]

1-(100-19829) [redacted]

1-(100-27747) (CP ORGANIZATION)

1-(100-27791) (CP FACTIONALISM)

1-(100-25687) (CP SECURITY MEASURES)

1-(100-25539) (CP BRIEF)

1-(100-31391) (LILLIAN RANSOME)

1-(100-42909)

1-(100-28999)

1-(100-1418)

1-(100-5867)

1-(100-23999)

1-(100-28891)

1-(100-6609)

1-(100-29302)

1-(100-27806) (CP YOUTH)

Richmond, Calif.

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"The following people attended the meeting:

District Committee members:

MICKIE LIMA
BILLIE WACHTER
SAUL WACHTER
DOUG WACHTER
LULU MAE THOMPSON
KETTY JOHNSON
JOHN (RICHMOND)
JOE FIGUEIRDO
JOE GRAHAM
BOB LINDSEY
ELIZABETH NICHOLAS
LILLIAN RANSOME
LEE KUTNICK
WLATER STACK
JIMMIE WOOD
HERB NUGENT
IRVING FROMER
AL RICHMOND
JUANITA WHEELER
MERLE BROTSKY
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
N. STEIN
ELLIS (Negro, San Francisco)
DON THAYER

Others:



HOWARD THOMPSON

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"During the morning session of the meeting, the following persons were proposed for members of the District Board and were elected: MICKIE LIMA, ARCHIE BROWN, AL RICHMOND, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, MERLE BROTSKY and ROSCOE PROCTOR. It was agreed that it is necessary to have a woman on the Board.

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and MICKIE agreed to discuss with BILLIE WACHTER and [] of San Francisco (youth) the possibility of one of them serving on the Board, representing the youth commission, and also to discuss with JUANITA WHEELER the area of work she could represent on the Board. In considering the second full time person who was authorized by the Convention, it was agreed that first consideration should be given to a woman. Another item to be considered is a way of holding meetings with representatives of the outlying counties so the will be kept more in touch with developments as they are acted upon. Proposals will be made on how to give better leadership to the group working in the organization of Farm Workers and will be presented to the next meeting. A budget for the District will be presented to the next meeting of the District Committee, also.

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"There was some discussion of the picketing being carried on in the Bay Area against the Woolworth and Kress stores by the NAACP, and the question of how to deal with the problem of the Trotskyites who are recommending more active resistance, which is being labeled as Communist activity.

"After lunch, [] and [] appeared before the District Committee as was agreed to be in the District Convention, to have the character of their factional activities analyzed. HERB NUGENT gave a resume of their activities and [] replied. This was followed by comments of those present and then the outsiders were excused. The District Committee could not agree as to what action should be taken and so another meeting on the subject will be held on Monday night, March 14th.

/s/ []

[] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/24/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828)

DATE: APR 8 1960

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, FRESNO COUNTY
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/10/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/8/60, concerns a meeting of the Fresno County CP held at Fresno, California on 3/6/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party, Stockton, California, March 3, 1960

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the home of [redacted] in Fresno on Sunday, March 6, 1960 and the following people attended the meeting:

HOWARD and LILLIAN MAE THOMPSON

[redacted]

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cc: 8 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
100-16828 (CP Fresno Co.)
100-31196 [redacted]
100-56652 [redacted]
100-48482 [redacted]
100-35873 [redacted]
100-22798 [redacted]
100-16827 (CP TULARE CO.)
100-42641 [redacted]

6 - San Francisco
[redacted] (SF 1604-S)
[redacted]
100-32521 [redacted]
100-23981 [redacted]
97-27 (PW)
100-11889 (CP, USA, NDC)

[redacted]

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON had requested the meeting be held so she could get the Club Chairmaen from Fresno and Lindsay to fill in the questionnaire sent out by GUS HALL. [redacted] filled in the papers and then the group discussed the District Convention and the action taken there on the factional situation in the Bay Area. When [redacted] and [redacted] had returned from the Convention, [redacted] had mistakenly reported that the expelled Party members [redacted] had been taken back into the party. This had bothered [redacted] but he understood when the action taken was explained to him.

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"The rest of the afternoon was spent in listening to and discussing a report by LULU MAE THOMPSON on her trip to the National Convention.

"Shortly after the THOMPSON's had arrived, [redacted] and LULU MAE considered the question of the transfer of [redacted] to the Fresno Club. [redacted] stated that she had written to him once and he had answered to say he was going to be away awhile. The readers Club of the 'People's World' of Fresno had scheduled a fund raising affair for the paper on Sunday, April 10, 1960, when [redacted] will speak on his experiences in the Soviet Union and show slides. LULU MAE THOMPSON suggested to [redacted] that she write to [redacted] and invite him to attend."

"/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/17/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE:

4/4/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/17/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/14/60, concerns a Communist Party meeting held on 3/10/60 at Oakland, California to discuss the Spanish-English newspaper - Presna Libre. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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6 - LOS ANGELES (REGISTERED)

1 - CP, USA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT CALIF.

1 - [redacted]

1 - UNSUB

1 - CP, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS

1 - CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGS.

1 - PRESNA LIBRE

8 - SAN FRANCISCO

1 - 100-11889 (CP, USA, NDC

1 - [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

1 - [redacted]

1 - 65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)

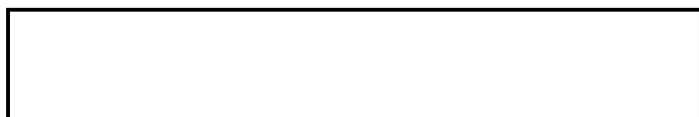
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1 - 100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

1 - 100-33359 (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGS.)

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 14, 1960

"A meeting was held at the home of [redacted] Ave., Oakland on Thursday evening, March 10, 1960, and the following members of the Communist Party were present:

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"MICKIE LIMA

[redacted]

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

[redacted] (San Francisco)

[redacted] (Los Angeles)

A second man from Los Angeles. Identified himself as the [redacted] of [redacted]

"MICKIE LIMA had called this meeting to discuss the new Spanish-English newspaper which is being published in Southern California, Presna Libre.

"During the discussion, the gentlemen from Los Angeles stated that the paper is not "left" in character, although it is published by people from the "left". They stated that they hope to get state-wide support for the paper and agreed that to do this, it would have to carry news of more general interest, instead of dealing so much with local issues. They asked that those present send them news items, and they are particularly interested in news involving the organization of the farm workers.

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"MICKIE LIMA said he would see that they were able to contact some Mexican-Americans who are active in unions and [] gave them the names of a few people active in the Catholic Service Organization.

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"HOWARD THOMPSON took three subscriptions to the paper and agreed to see that it gets into the hands of Mexican-Americans in the Stockton area.

(SIGNED) []

[] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/24/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 4/8/60

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/17/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/15/60, concerns a meeting of the CP, Northern California District Committee held at San Francisco, California, on 3/14/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"REPORT ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 15, 1960

"A special meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California was held on Monday evening, March 14, 1960 in the offices of the 'People's World', with the following people attending:

31-San Francisco

1-(100-11889) (CP, USA)
1-[redacted]
1-[redacted] (SF 1604-S)
1-[redacted]
1-(65-1242) (MICKIE LIMA)
1-(61-415) (AL. RICHMOND)
1-(100-29842) [redacted]
1-(100-25215) (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
1-(100-17111) [redacted]
1-(101-120) [redacted]
1-(100-4524) [redacted]
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1-(61-525) [redacted]
1-(100-1128) [redacted]
1-(100-36248) [redacted]
1-(100-21889) [redacted]

1-(100-26621) [redacted]
1-(100-589) [redacted]
1-(61-398) [redacted]
1-(97-26) (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)
1-(100-34639) [redacted]
1-(100-19829) [redacted]
1-(100-27747) (CP ORGANIZATION)
1-(100-27791) (CP FACTIONALISM)
1-(100-25687) (CP SECURITY MEASURES)
1-(100-25539) (CP BRIEF)
1-CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP Nat'l Comm.
1-BEN DAVIS
1-[redacted]
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[REDACTED]
ROSCOE PROCTOR
[REDACTED] (Negro, S.F.)

[REDACTED]
LULU MAE THOMPSON

[REDACTED]
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
[REDACTED] (RICHMOND)
HOWARD THOMPSON (observer)

"This meeting was called for the purpose of continuing the discussion on the characterization of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which was started on Saturday, March 12th. After nearly three hours of discussion the following motion was passed:

"That this statement be attached to another statement which will be issued by the District Committee which will condemn factionalism and the dissolution of the Clubs: The District Committee does not consider that the Comrades attitude shows that they fully recognize the harmful effects of their actions and this should be taken into consideration in the future in any posts for which they might be considered and whenever this question comes up, the District Committee shall make a judgement at that time.

"This was followed by the passing of another motion to the effect that the District Committee will make a complete review of this decision in six months.

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"Before the meeting closed, a date for another special meeting was set for Friday night, April 1, 1960 for an enlarged meeting, with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as the speaker. A regular meeting will be held on April 16th, at which time a report will be given on the meeting of the National Committee. A May Day meeting will be held in San Francisco, time and place to be announced later. This meeting will feature BEN DAVIS.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/24/60 and could furnish no additional information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: *BA*: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/12/60

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following ~~written~~ report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/24/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/21/60, concerns a meeting of the CP, Northern California District Farm Workers Commission held at Lathrop, California on 3/20/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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4 LOS ANGELES (REG)

100-31196 [redacted]

100-56652 [redacted]

100-16828 (CP FRESNO CO.)
(CP FARMERS MATTERS)

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100-11889 (CP, USA, NDC)

[redacted] (SF 1604 a)

100-27288 [redacted]

100-27286 [redacted]

100-29506 [redacted]

65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)

100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)

100-27348 [redacted]

100-5867 [redacted]

100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)

61-525 [redacted]

100-33359 (ATTEMPTS TO INFIL. MASS ORGS.)

100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

100-9720 (NEGRO QUESTION)

100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 21, 1960

"On Sunday, March 20, 1960, the Farm Workers Commission of the Communist Party of Northern California held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home and the following people attended:

[REDACTED]
HOWARD and LILLIAN MAE THOMPSON

[REDACTED]
MICKIE LIMA
LILLIAN RANSOME

[REDACTED]
JOE GRAHAM

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"JOE GRAHAM opened the meeting and called on those present to make reports on the progress being made in the organization of the farm workers in their various areas.

"The discussion then turned to how to organize the work of the commission to give the best leadership to those assisting the organization drive from the Communist Party. MICKIE LIMA stated that he had talked to WALTER STACK and asked him to act as the co-ordinator, until the Party can make arrangements to hire the second full time person for the District and then that person, or MICKIE, will be responsible for the work of this commission. MICKIE stated that STACK is considering the question and will give his answer soon. It was decided to keep the present members on the commission and add LILLIAN and [REDACTED] to it.

[REDACTED] stated that he had decided that it would be impractical to try to work in Stockton so as to direct the work in that area.

"Still to be decided is the question of a smaller group to work with the person working as co-ordinator. Those considered for this group are LILLIAN, [REDACTED] LULU MAE and [REDACTED] but, since this will involve a lot of travel for those involved, some other way of handling policy decisions that must be made in a hurry will be considered.

"The full commission will meet again at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, April 10, 1960, if it will be possible for WALTER STACK to be present at that time.

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"MICKIE stated that the Negro Commission has asked that the District Committee meet on Saturday, April 2nd, for the LIGHTFOOT meeting and that the Commission meet on Friday night, April 1st. MICKIE also said the District Board will meet on Tuesday, March 29th.

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"JOE GRAHAM gave LULU MAE THOMPSON the following address and phone number for DELMER BERG. He stated that he had gotten them from a man at Del's home in Modesto and that he had called DEL at the number and talked to him.

"DELMER BERG
91 Beverly Dr.
Salinas
Phone: HA 4-8922

/s/ [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/24/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

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4/4/60

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/3/60 by [] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/2/60, concerns a CP Northern California Farm Labor meeting and a CP Northern California District Convention, both held on 2/27-28/60 at Oakland, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in []

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"Report on the Communist Party, Stockton, California, March 2, 1960

"On Saturday morning, February 27, 1960, a meeting of the Farm Workers Commission of the Communist Party of Northern California was held at the home of MICKIE LIMA, 6115 Dover, Oakland and it was attended by the following people:

HOWARD THOMPSON
LULU MAE THOMPSON
[]

"GUS HALL and MICKIE LIMA also set in on some of the meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to complete the resolution to be presented to the second half of the District Convention of the Communist Party of Northern California which was to convene at 1:00 PM on that day.

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1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)(DOROTHY HEALY)

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100-34275 (GUS HALL)
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)
100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
100-29842 []
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
100-27286 []
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)

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100-23999	[REDACTED]	100-17111	[REDACTED]
100-1418	[REDACTED]	61-525	[REDACTED]
101-120	[REDACTED]	100-26849	[REDACTED]
100-4524	[REDACTED]	100-10835	[REDACTED]
100-42909	[REDACTED]	100-28891	[REDACTED]
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100-28853	[REDACTED]	100-27791	(CP FACTIONALISM)
100-23677	[REDACTED]	100-27792	(CP FARMERS MATTERS)
100-32298	[REDACTED]	100-26239	(CP MEMBERSHIP)
100-19829	[REDACTED]	100-9720	(CP NEGRO QUESTION)
97-26 (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)	[REDACTED]	100-27747	(CP ORGANIZATION)
100-21889	[REDACTED]	100-30717	(CP PAMPHLETS AND PUES)
61-398	[REDACTED]	100-30717	(CP PARTY LINE)
100-26621	[REDACTED]	100-27806	(CP YOUTH MATTERS)
100-589 ([REDACTED]	100-43478	(CP NATL. COMM. VIEWPOINTS)
100-22370	[REDACTED]	100-20544	[REDACTED]
100-36248	[REDACTED]	100-39467	[REDACTED]
100-34639	[REDACTED]	100-43480	[REDACTED]
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"At the conclusion of this meeting, the people involved proceeded to St. George Hall at the corner of Grove and 24th Streets in Oakland for the Convention. ROSCOE PROCTOR had picked up GUS HALL and they stated they were going to San Francisco where they would pick up [redacted] and go to see [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to bring the factional situation to an end.

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"Preceding the opening of the Convention, the Rules or presiding committee met with ARCHIE BROWN as Chairman and the following present:

MICKIE LIMA
LULU MAE THOMPSON
[redacted]

"When the Convention opened at 1:30 PM, JUANITA WHEELER was elected Chairman and JULIE SANDY as Secretary. GUS HALL and DOROTHY HEALY were introduced and this was followed by the main report by MICKIE LIMA. There was a period of discussion and then MICKIE LIMA's proposal on District Leadership was read and discussed. This proposed that a District Committee of no more than 24 members, including 2 youth members, waiving the two year membership requirement for them. Instead of the waiver of the two year requirement it was voted to have two youth as candidate members of the District Committee and that they will receive a vote as soon as they have reached the required two year membership period. It was also proposed that the Presiding Committee be enlarged by two members from each area and the Convention adjourned into caucus' to choose these members. The outlying counties met in the kitchen, with LULU MAE THOMPSON presiding. JOE GRAHAM and ELMER JOHNSON were added to the Presiding Committee and then LULU MAE THOMPSON turned the meeting over to NOEL HARRIS and the three members of the presiding committee met with the other members of this committee to select a place to meet that evening and process the nominations for the various District Offices. It was decided that the Committee would meet at the home of SAUL WACHTER at 8:00 PM.

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"The presiding committee meeting was attended by the following people:

ARCHIE BROWN
MICKIE LIMA
ROSCOE PROCTOR
DON THAYER
PHIL WAITE or WHITE
JOE GRAHAM
LULU MAE THOMPSON, Secretary of the committee
ELMER JOHNSON
JUANITA WHEELER
TOM HARPER
GUS HALL
HOWARD THOMPSON (not a member of the committee)

"It was the job of this committee to consider the nominations for District Chairman and District Committee and make up a representative list or preferred list of candidates which would take into consideration their area, field of work, women, Negro, etc. The following are those who were nominated by their area caucus or by individuals.

BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
*LAIBLE BERGMAN
JUANITA WHEELER
VENUS THOMSON
AL RICHMOND
WALTER STACK
*MARYLIN
DON THAYER
TOM HARPER
HAL KRAMER
ELLIS (young Negro, San Francisco)
ANNE (youth) San Francisco
ARCHIE BROWN
GEORGE SANDY
JOE FIGUEIREDO
LEE KUTNICK
TOM MC PHERSON
*IRVING FROMER

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JIMMIE WOOD
JOHN STAPP
HERB NUGENT
FRAN FINK
BOB LINISEY
JOE GRAHAM
ELIZABETH NICOLAS
LULU MAE THOMPSON
VIRGIL COLE
LILLIAN RANSOME
N. STEIN
REUBEN VENGER
NOEL HARRIS
KETTY JOHNSON
RODNEY SLOAN (youth)
DOUG WACHTER (youth)
ROSCOE PROCTOR
MERLE BROTSKY
BILLIE WACHTER
*DAVE HIPPOLITO
SAUL WACHTER
AL STANLEY
ANN D.)
JOHN D.) all East Bay people
BOB P.)
JOE P.)

*identified with factionalists.

"This committee worked until about 12:30 and finally came to the conclusion that the only way to have a representative District Committee was to recommend its enlargement to 27 members, two candidates (youth), and the District Chairman. Following is the list of 'preferred' nominees, by area, as they were presented to the convention:

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JUANITA WHEELER	JOE FIGUEIREDO
VENUS THOMSON	WALTER STACK
LEE KUTNICK	DON THAYER
ELLIS	AL RICHMOND
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN	IRVING FROMER
ARCHIE BROWN	JIMMIE WOOD
	HERB NUGENT

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LILLIAN RANSOME
LULU MAE THOMPSON

HUMBOLDT

NOEL HARRIS

EAST BAY

BILLIE WACHTER
ROSCOE PROCTOR
MERLE BROTSKY
SAUL WACHTER
AL STANLEY
JOHN D.

SANTA CLARA

ELIZABETH NICOLAS
BOB LINDSEY
FRAN FINK

MARIN

KETTY JOHNSON

SONOMA

N. STEIN

CANDIDATES:

DOUG WACHTER, East Bay
ANNE, San Francisco

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN:

MICKIE LIMA

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"The Convention reconvened on Sunday morning and NOEL HARRIS was made Chairman. Reports were made and resolutions presented and accepted from the following Commissions: Negro, Youth, Farm Workers and the People's World. During the break for lunch, the presiding committee met and considered the completed list of preferred candidates for the District Committee and decided to leave the setting up of the actual election to the Credentials and Balloting Committee.

"Following lunch, GUS HALL addressed the Convention and this was followed by discussion and a report by MICKIE on the factional situation. This reporter was involved in the activities of the committees during the afternoon session and cannot report on the results of these actions.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON, Chairman of the Credentials and Balloting Committee made the credentials report and the election was held. The entire 'preferred list' as presented by the presiding committee, was elected. This report was accepted and the Convention declared closed.

"After the meeting closed, MICKIE LIMA approached LULU MAE THOMPSON and asked if a meeting of the Farm Workers Commission could be held at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, March 20, 1960, and this was agreed to. MICKIE also said he will hold a meeting of the District Committee on Saturday, March 12, 1960 at 10:00 AM in the offices of the 'People's World.'"

"/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/7/60 and could furnish no additional information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

FROM : SA

Robert F. Savage

SUBJECT:

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DATE:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 4/11/60

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT,
CP, USA
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Mtg. of CP Farm Labor Commission near Lathrop, California 3/20/60	3/31/60	writer	[redacted]

Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to writer in person on 3/31/60.

"March 28, 1960

"On March 20, 1960, a Farm Labor Commission of the Communist Party was held at the home of HOWARD and LULA MAE THOMPSON, in Lathrop, California. Those present were -

JOE FIGERITO (phonetic), Chairman
MICKEY LIMA BARNEY ?
HASKELL and NADINE SMITH
HOWARD KAYLOR(phonetic)

LILLIAN RANSOME

cc: [redacted]

100-16828 (FRESNO COUNTY CP)
100-56652 [redacted] SI
100-31196 [redacted] (SI)
100-24348 (FARMERS MATTERS)

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(100-36248 JOE FIGUEIREDO)
(BARNEY ?)(MIKEY LIMA 65-1242)
(LILLIAN RANSOME 100-31391)
[redacted] 61-525)
(FARMER'S MATTERS 100-27792)

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"First each person gave a report of the happenings from their counties. LILLIAN RANSOME said five party members including [redacted] passed out literature for the AFofL and CIO and in their next meeting (farm labor meeting that was formed by the AFL & CIO) there were quite a few new faces. She said there was a women's organization and she belonged to it.

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"One person from each district (county) was elected to participate in all coming meetings. MICKEY LIMA will see WALTER STACK from the bay area to see if he will take the job as being head of the Farm Labor Commission and visit each county and help decide what each county can do to get things rolling. MICKEY LIMA said that WALTER STARK and his wife were very active when the farm laborers tried to organize before."

ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)

DATE: 4/11/60

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
CP, USA
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Mtg. of CP Farm Labor Commission near Lathrop, California 3/20/60	3/31/60	writer	[redacted]

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Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to writer in person on 3/31/60.

"March 29, 1960

"There was a meeting of the Farm Labor Commission of the Communist Party near Lathrop, Calif. at the home of HOWARD and LULAMAE THOMPSON, March 20, 1960. JOE FIGUEIREDO was chairman of the meeting. Each person gave a report of what was taking place in the farm Labor Union, A.F.L. & C.I.O. Some of the people did not like the way [redacted] was doing things in the Union. MICKEY LIMA gave a talk on how the Union did things. He said not to get in a hurry as the A.F.L. CIO would move slow. There was some people elected from each district to hold a meeting about every 2 weeks. HOWARD THOMPSON was elected from Stockton. LILLIAN RANSOME from Marysville, a man by the name of [redacted] from Chico. [redacted] Fresno. MICKEY LIMA is going to see WALTER STACK and see if he will take the job as head of

cc: [redacted]
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100-31196 [redacted] (SI)
100-56652 [redacted] (SI)
100-24348 (FARMERS MATTERS)

11 - San Francisco (HOWARD THOMPSON)

[redacted]
(MICKEY LIMA 65-1242)
(LILLIAN RANSOME 100-31391)

[redacted]
(HOWARD KEYLOR 100-29506)
(JOE FIGUEIREDO 100-36248)
(WALTER STACK 61-525)
(FARMER'S MATTERS 100-27792)

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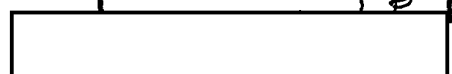
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the Labor Commission and visit each district to try and see what can be done in each district to help organize the Farm workers and also try to recruit people for the Communist Party.

"People present at this meeting were -

MICKEY LIMA

HOWARD and LULAMAE THOMPSON

LILLIAN RANSOME

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and wife; did not get their last name

[REDACTED]

HOWARD KAYLEER

JOE FIGUERIREDO"

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ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: 4/22/60

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/8/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 4/6/60, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Stockton, California on 4/4/60. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
April 6, 1960

"A meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Monday evening, April 4, 1960 and those present were:

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CC:

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 [redacted]

100-31446 [redacted]

97-27 (PW)

100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

100-23984 [redacted]

100-25539 (CP BRIEF)

100-27418 (CP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

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"HOWARD THOMPSON, the Club Chairman, presided over the meeting. The People's World Fund Drive was discussed and it was decided to ask [redacted] from the paper staff to come to Stockton and show his films of his visit to the Soviet Union on a Saturday night. He will be given a choice of dates, May 7th, 14th or 21st. The affair will be held at the THOMPSON home.

"HOWARD KEYLOR reported on the activities of the Valley Committee for Peace Action and on his participation in the Democratic Club.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON reported on the March 12th meeting of the District Committee.

"No date was set for a future meeting because of other meetings this month.

"HOWARD KEYLOR remarked during the evening, that EVANGELINE had had a call from NEIL BUSBY, business agent for Packing House Workers and that he is working in this area for awhile.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/11/60 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: Route cc on [redacted] to SA [redacted] for information.

CITY San Francisco, California

DATE April 29, 1960

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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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see attached.


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Signed:

Robert F. Savage
Special Agent

[Redacted]

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Approved: 

SAC

Informant's File No. [Redacted]

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By Whom

Robert F. Savage

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TO: SAC, [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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Reurairtel dated 4/27/60.

LT 1604-S on 5/10/60, advised that PSI's letter was received by the TROOPERS and favorable reply was sent to PSI within two days of receipt of this letter.

Also included with above letter to PSI was subscription blank for Peoples World newspaper.

Advise if any further assistance can be furnished in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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DATE: May 9, 1960

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/27/60 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 4/26/60, concerns a meeting of the CP, N. Calif. Farm Workers Commission and a CP Sacramento-Joaquin Valley Section meeting, both held on 4/24/60 at Lathrop, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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5 - LOS ANGELES (REGISTERED)

100- (CP, USA)

100-31196 [redacted]

100-56652 [redacted]

100-35873 [redacted]

100-22798 [redacted]

100-27806 (CP YOUTH MATTERS)

100- [redacted]

Read by: *RKS*

Reviewed by: *son*

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100-11889 (CP, USA, NDC)

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)

61-525 [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
April 26, 1960

"The HOWARD THOMPSON home was the location of a meeting of the Communist Party on Sunday, April 24, 1960. In the morning, the meeting was centered on the activities of the Farm Workers Commission and in the afternoon it was the regular meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section. These meetings were attended by the following people:

"MICKIE LIMA
WALTER STACK
BOB LINDSEY
JOE GRAHAM
VIRGIL COLE
LILLIAN RANSOME

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[REDACTED]
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
HASKELL and NADINE SMITH
[REDACTED]

"JOE GRAHAM, as Chairman of the Farm Workers Commission, chaired the morning session. He asked for a report from each individual representing an area on the progress of the organization of the Farm Workers in that area. He asked that the reports be quite complete, including background information, so that WALTER STACK, who will be serving as Party co-ordinator for this work, will be able to get a picture of what has already been done. After the reports were completed, STACK asked questions. This was followed by a decision to call Club meetings in the various areas for WALT, so that he can get acquainted with the individual Club members. These meetings will be followed by meetings of persons outside the Party who are sympathetic to the Party but are not members.

"It was also decided to have an advisory committee to meet with STACK to discuss problems and discuss policy. This committee will consist of the following people: JOE GRAHAM, LULU MAE THOMPSON, HOWARD KEYLOR, HASKELL SMITH, and LILLIAN RANSOME.

"It was decided that the finances for this work must come mostly from the areas involved in the work and those present were asked to contact Party members or sympathetic people and ask for pledges of sustainers. LINDSEY and GRAHAM stated that they have already received a pledge of \$100.00 a month from a person they stated is "a bachelor, whose work involves a lot of travel and that he is a Party member at

large". This person is presumed to be [REDACTED] MICKEY LIMA asked that, in asking for financial support for this work, that it be made clear that the money will not be used to meet the expenses of the organization of farm workers, but merely to cover Party expenses for the Party person involved. b6 b7C

"The Commission will ask the District Committee to organize a conference on the bracero question. The District Convention authorized such a conference, for the establishment of Party policy on the question.

"The Farm Workers Commission will hold its next meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, June 5, 1960.

[REDACTED] and WALTER STACK decided during lunch hour that a meeting of the Fresno Club will be held on Friday night, May 13th, so that STACK can get to know them.

"MICKIE LIMA met with LULU MAE THOMPSON, JOE GRAHAM and LILLIAN RANSOME to try to set a date for a meeting of representatives of the outlying counties to discuss local problems and policy, but it was impossible to select a date agreeable to all.

"JOE GRAHAM and BOB LINDSEY left after they had had lunch and the regular meeting of the Section was called to order by the chairman, LULU MAE THOMPSON. The first item on the agenda was a report from MICKIE LIMA on the last meeting of the National Committee and also on the report made to the last meeting of the District Committee by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. MICKIE stated that the National Committee is still considering the move of the National office to Chicago and that the membership of the National Executive Committee is "loaded" with representation from the mid-west. He stated that the Party is giving all-out support to the organization of the Negro Labor Committee. MICKIE also said that money necessary to send JUANITA WHEELER to the International meeting of the Women's Federation of Ghana in Ghana in July.

"At the conclusion of MICKIE's report, the following officers were elected for the Section:

"Chairman-----LULU MAE THOMPSON
Vice-Chairman-----VIRGIL COLE
Secty-Treas-----MARIE GORIN
Executive Board-----LILLIAN RANSOME, HASKELL SMITH and
the three officers.

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"VIRGIL COLE will represent the Section on the Trade Union Commission, HOWARD KEYLOR on the Negro Commission and Barney De Veto on the Youth Commission.

"The Section will hold its next regular meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, July 17, 1960.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on April 28, 1960 and could furnish no additional information.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)

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FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

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"May 4, 1960

"On April 24, 1960 there was a joint meeting of the Agriculture Committee and the Section meeting of the outlying counties of the Communist party. It was decided that the Agriculture meeting be brought up first.

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"The meetings took place at the home of LULU MAE & HOWARD THOMPSON in Lathrop, California.

"JOE GRAHAM is chairman of the agriculture workers of the communist party. He said he had three topics on his agenda which were recruiting, finances, & report from each district.

"LILLIAN RANSOM reported that in her area (she lives in Wheatland, Calif) the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC-AFL-CIO) started with five members, and at the last meeting there were forty-two members. She also mentioned that A.W.O.C. members picketed two Sutler County ranches & the Marysville Farm Placement Office, protesting growers refusal to hire domestics while continuing to use braceros, and protesting also Farm Placements setting wages at 90¢ per hour without wage survey. She also said that in Stockton, Calif. a group of men was picked up in parks, railroad yards, & streets & charged with vagrancy. These men failed to get jobs because braceros had taken their jobs. She said that 200 California farm workers demonstrated at the Employment building in Sacramento & then marched on to the State Capitol. There were 10 people from Marysville & Yuba that was in the march. [redacted] said there was a meeting in Strathmore and about 50 people were present, but there wasn't anything important to report about only some had joined the A.W.O.C. JOE GRAHAM said that we should start organizing Fresno immediately and that WALTER STACK will be down in a couple of weeks and have a meeting with the Fresno group to get the ball to rolling.

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"JOE GRAHAM said that we will organize a committee and try to get sustainers to support delegates that go up & down the state. He also said he would have a budget made out by next meeting to see how much each county can raise.

"The next sub-committee meeting will be on June 5th, 1960, in Lathrop, Calif.

"Those present at this meeting were,

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[REDACTED]
VIRGIL COLE
MARIE ? (Sacramento) Sec & Treas. of Section meeting.
LILLIAN RANSOM
WALTER STACK
MICKEY LIMA

[REDACTED]
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HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON
[REDACTED]

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning his report and could furnish no additional information.

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"On April 24, 1960 there was a joint meeting of the Agriculture Committee & Section of the outlying counties of Northern Calif. Communist Party at the home of HOWARD and LULAMAE THOMPSON in Lathrop California. JOE GRAHAM was Chairman. On his agenda was recruiting, finance & a report from each district & what was being done.

CC: 11 San Francisco (HOWARD THOMPSON) - REGISTERED

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"LILLIAN RANSOM gave a report & said in her district they had picketed the Farm Placement Office.

"About 40 A.W.O.C.A.F.L - C.I.O members Picketed & also there was a Picket Line & Pratist demonstration at the Employment office in Sacramento, on the use of Mexican nationals.

"VIRGIL COLE at Chico said there was not much going on at Chico. HASKELL SMITH reported from Fresno & Madero said there had been a meeting called by him at Madero & NORMAN SMITH promised to visit him at Fresno & call more meetings but had not done so.

"WALTER J. STACK of 321 Collingwood St. San Francisco Calif was selected as a full time organizer by MICKEY LIMA & was accepted by the group at this meeting.

"WALTER STACK is to visit C.P. members & left-wing people & Groups to help put pressure on the A.W.O.C. A.F.L - C.I.O. to start organizing Farm Workers & recruit Communist Party members.

"WALTER STACK is to visit the Fresno C.P. Club at the home of HASKELL SMITH May 14-1960.

"LULA MAE THOMPSON was Chairman of the Section meeting of the outlying counties of Northern Calif. Communist Party.

"MICKEY LIMA opened the meeting with a report on the meeting of the National Committee in Chicago March 26-1960 of the Communist Party, U.S.A. MICKEY said it was the best meeting in years. He said there was a little friction in the C.P. yet but getting stronger & doing a lot of good work. MICKEY said the C.P. had a lot of influence in the Primary elections in the U.S.A. & said the C.P. also had a lot of influence in all the crisis & demonstrations in the south Africa, Korea, & other places. He said all C.P. people must try to organize Demonstrations and marches any place they can.

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"MICKEY said there would be a march & meeting in San Francisco May 13-14 & wanted all C.P. members that could at all, bring carloads of people to S.F. to take part in this affair. He also said CLAUD LIGHTFOOT was sending some Negro woman to Ghana, Africa to speak & take part in the crisis there for the Communist Party of the U.S.A.

"There was Electing of officers for the coming year of section. LULA MAY THOMPSON was elected Chairman.

"VIRGIL COLE, Vice Chairman, MARIE (?) Sacramento, Secretary - Treasurer; Executive Board, HASKELL SMITH LILLIAN RANSOM"

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